

MINUTES

Marion Walker Elementary PTO

November 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Tara Ripka at 7:01 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance

In attendance:

Tara Ripka	Katie Baney	Heather Huntsinger	Bikem Oskin	Tonya Januszki
Lauren Fisher	Robin Sweka	Lashelle Kuhlman	Amanda Grindley	Danyelle Crouthamel
Denise Shivery	Shelby Hamilton	Ashley Price	Megan Kline Woolsey	Kim Belcher
Kim Kneas-Hilliker	Sharlene Yontosh	Patricia Correll	Cynthia Naspinski	Carrie Giornesto
Jackie Wynkoop	Thlare Park	Amanda Fedisson	Terry Markle	April Williams

Treasurer's Report

Heather Huntsinger went through the budget and explained what is what. Figure out how Scripts gets paid. Tara will look into it.

Motion from Danyelle Crouthamel to approve Treasurer's Report from November 16, 2015

Katie Baney seconds

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Treasurer's Report from November 16, 2015 approved without modification

Secretary's Report

Motion: Approve minutes from November 16, 2015 meeting

Vote: Denise Shivery approved; Tonya Januszki seconds

Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on November 16, 2015 meeting approved without modification

New Business

Reading Counts Lab — Started Oct. 13 on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. A coordinator is needed.

Dec. 1 – Closed, No School

Dec. 15 – Open

Dec. 22 – Cancel

Jan. 5 – Open

Wendy's Fundraiser — Made \$98. Another Wendy's Fundraiser will be held on Jan. 17, 2016; April 17, 2016 and July 17, 2016.

Faith Center Thank You

Holiday Spirit Week Ideas (get info from Mrs. Yontosh)

Old Business

Parent Council Meeting Report – Tonya Januszki went for Tara Ripka.

- Talked a lot about the assessments. Child can opt out but only for religious reasons. They would be willing to come to out meetings to discuss further with us.
- Talked about Chromebook. Teachers are expecting more from the students
- How do other PTOs handle an outburst from a parent during a meeting? 3x5 cards are available at the beginning of the meeting. Tara can go through the cards for the first 15 minutes. We can look over the cards and will answer them at the following meeting. We will start this at the Jan. meeting.
- Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month in Dr. Potteiger office.

Clearances – Get NOW!

Committee Reports

Ways and Means: Michelle McConnell

Cookie jar is going well. Pumpkins came in.

Field Day: Kim Belcher, Kim Hillacker and Megan Kline

4th & 5th grade students to design their own shirts. Kim has the guidelines put together. Designs will be due Fri. Jan 8th. Field Day is May 20th.

Fundraising: Cynthia Naspinski

\$17,000 in sales. We get ½ in profit. The magic show is Friday, November 20th; lunch is Monday, November 23rd. Spring fundraiser – we need to get a jump on it. Looking for feed back from the group. We are going with Gardner's Candies for the spring? Third grader's grand parents sent us \$100 instead of buying a magazine.

Holiday Store: Danyelle Crouthamel and Denise Shivery

Dec. 11 is the date. They counted all the crafts and they are in good shape. The number of volunteers looks good. There are about 5 people still trying to get their clearances in. How much wrapping paper, bows, tape? Potluck lunch coordination. Will send an email to all volunteers talking about the potluck. We may need coffee creamer. We need candy, paper and tape. Amanda Fedisson and Amanda Grindley will be taking over the Holiday store.

Membership

We did really well. Mrs. DeCusati's class won and had their ice cream party. \$2,850. Projected \$2,500

SUNNY D and Book Distribution: Wendy Thomas

Monday, November 23rd is the 1st book distribution.

Winter Carnival: Tonya Januszki, Bikem Oskin and Kim Hearn

Date: February 26th. Tara Ripka met Mrs. Lyken at the Halloween dance. If we need any donations let her know.

Volunteer Coordinator — Jackie Wynkoop

All the committee heads received the spreadsheet. Registered volunteers are highlighted in yellow.

Bellefonte READS initiative – Jackie Wynkoop works with teachers. Planning another event. Brining a community around a book. The book for this year is "I am Malala." Before the event there will be a book distribution night so parents are aware of the content in the books. Stop in between 6-8 p.m. Jan. 21st at BAHS. Wednesday, March 23rd from 6-8 p.m. at BAHS will be the Bellefonte READS Community-Wide Literacy Night. There are 3 ways to get information:

“Like” Bellefonte READS on Facebook

Follow @BellefonteREADS on Twitter

Or visit: <https://sites.google.com/a/basd.net/bellefonte-reads/>

Yearbook: Andrea Harman

Extra yearbooks are available for 2014-2015 - \$18. – Order forms are going out at the beginning of December

BOX TOPS: Robin Sweka

Box Tops' first submission was due Nov. 1st, 2015. We got \$2,018. April 1, 2016 is the next submission.

Fall Dance: Robin Sweka

There was a nice turn out, but smaller this year than in the past. \$800 was made. Four boxes were donated to the Bellefonte Food Pantry. Dance floor supervisors would be great during the dance. Hallway monitors were a great idea. Adding games does help.

Suggestion: Maybe have one PTO event a year that families don't pay.

Labels for Education: Kim Belcher

Beginning of November 17,000 points were collected. Teachers have placed their wish lists. We did place an order. 33,500 points are leftover. Jackie Hopkins will take over the Labels.

Scripts-Gift Cards: Mrs. Hamilton

December order form will go out Friday, November 20th. In November we made \$80.

5K/1mile: Erin Cernuski

Nothing to report

Tyson A+ Project: Christy Witmer

Nothing to report

My Coke Rewards: Need a coordinator

Nothing to report

Teacher Representative: Patty Correll

The Centre County Gazette had an article in it for Veterans Day. Beth Ash did a PT station. Mr. Guiswite gave them samples of MREs. Mr. Ayre did a vehicle station. They had a duce and some trucks. Guest speakers and videos about Flag etiquette. Mr. Horvath from the Boalsburg museum shared helmets thru the century.

Students had their first Holiday Concert rehearsal.

Mrs. Yontosh

Thank you for the Halloween dance.

Coins for kids will kick off next week. Paper to be sent home.

Send in ticket request for Christmas concert ASAP. Mrs. Zimmerman wants to hold the raffle soon.

Backpack program in Bellefonte is very special. Helps feed kids over the weekends. A large amount of volunteers are needed to fill backpacks. Bellefonte YMCA is holding a Polar Bear plunge. If they raise \$5,000 Dr. Potteiger will do the plunge. Ten kids get the backpacks at Marion Walker. It is not income based.

Two new teachers Amy Shoemaker is the Art teacher. Starting after Thanksgiving break. We will work with PG and MW art. Kylie Knauff will start Monday, November 23 as the ESL/Spanish teacher. She is a former MW graduate. She will support MW and Benner for ESL and Spanish and just PG for Spanish.

Chromebook – K-5 is a one cart per classroom. We are closer and closer to a 1 to 1 for Chromebook.

Admin are starting the college awareness training.

Math family night – it was really good. Shawn McMurtry did a great job. It was well attended.

We are water boil free as of today.

School has water and snacks on hand in the case of an emergency.

Next meeting will February 10, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Marion Walker Elementary School Library

Motion from Tara Ripka to adjourn meeting

Approved by Danyelle Crouthamel; seconded by Robin Sweka

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Meeting Adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Happy Holidays

Submitted by Bikiem Oskin