

MINUTES

Marion Walker Elementary PTO

February 12, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Amanda Grindley at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance lead by Amanda Grindley

In attendance

Amanda Grindley	Lindsey Harter	Megan Aberegg	Heather Huntsinger	Karen Krisch
Allison Kyte	Jena Jodon	Colleen DeFonzo	Danyelle Crouthamel	Amanda Pollick
Beky Strouse	Mike Brooks	Cynthia Naspinski	Verna Schoonover	Jodi Johnston
Amy Heverly	Maria Posada	Hanna Burke	Tracie Horn	Laurie Henry
Molly Hoy	Joey Stewart	Kim Kneas-Hilliker	Jackie Wynkoop	

Treasurer's Report

Heather Huntsinger read through all the movement in the budget. We are past the halfway point of the school year. Heather is updating teachers' budgets and encouraging them to spend their budgeted amounts. There will be field trips coming up that will affect the budget. The Liability insurance has been paid, there has been movement with the Carnival, and a Box Top deposit has been made.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve Treasurer's Report.

Approved by: Colleen DeFonzo

Second: Danyelle Crouthamel

Secretary's Report

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to approve previous Meeting Minutes

Approved by: Hanna Burke

Second: Tracie Horn

Committee Reports

- Fundraising: Cynthia Naspinski
 - Fall Fundraiser did not go well in comparison to previous years. Our old representative quit and our new representative did not do his job. We will be filing a complaint with the company.
 - Limo ride is scheduled for tomorrow, February 13.
 - New fundraising companies are being interviewed.
 - Spring Fundraiser is Ultimate Subs. Order forms are due on February 25, and delivery is March 10th. Not many volunteers are needed as the orders are already sorted, but a couple of 5th graders might be needed to help unload the truck.
- Holiday Store: Amanda Grindley
 - Amanda has sorted 24 out of the 76 leftover boxes. So far we have 1,000 small ornaments for next year.
 - Current needs for next year's holiday store: Pet toys, items for men, coffee mugs, and items for young children.

- If you find any of the above items at good prices, please purchase and the PTO will reimburse you.
- Book Distribution: Lindsay Harter
 - The 2nd book distribution is scheduled for Friday, February 21st.
 - Lindsay needs approximately 3-4 volunteers to help with the distribution.
- Carnival:
 - Games: Nichole Masullo and Molly Hoy
 - We are still short volunteers for the games, especially the 7-8 pm shift. At this point, there is a shortage of 7 volunteers for the 6-7 pm shift, and 17 for the 7-8 pm shift.
 - Mrs. Krisch will send out an email before the weekend encouraging people to sign up to volunteer, otherwise we will need to cut some of the games.
 - The Boy Scouts will not be at the Carnival this year. Roger Bagwell with Robotics will be there.
 - Raffles - Laurie Henry
 - Currently \$700 in monetary donations. We have reached out to new people, and have revamped the contact list.
 - The class baskets are doing very well also.
 - Kitchen: Danyelle Crouthamel
 - We have all necessary volunteers and have tons of donations.
- Yearbook: Joey Stewart
 - The yearbook is due at the end of February.
 - Just finishing up on new student pictures and some candid pictures.
 - Preview looks really good so far!
- T-Shirt Sales: Kim Kneas-Hilliker
 - We received lots of sales, and the numbers are in line with previous years.
 - T-shirt order has been placed, and shirts will go home with students in a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Krisch

- Superintendent Search Community Night will be held on February 18th at 6 pm in the High School library.
- Building Project is gaining momentum. What does all of this mean to Marion Walker? Let your voice be heard, and become involved.
- There is a Technology page on the website that has good information and videos for parents on Social Media concerns.
- Mindful Minutes are now being held every Wednesday morning at 7:50 am, in the library. There have been an average of 20-40 students and 3 parents have attended as well.

Teacher Rep.: Colleen DeFonzo

- Student Ambassadors are doing a PAWS drive. They will also have a small display set up at the Carnival to collect donations. Flyers will be sent home next week with more information.
- 5 or 6 of the older students are willing to help with the Carnival setup until 4 pm if needed.
- The tissue contest brought in an amazing amount of tissues. The numbers so far show that from 14 classrooms there were 1,049 boxes of tissues collected. There are still 4 teachers we are waiting to get totals from. Mrs. Hitchings' class is in the lead currently with 132 boxes collected.

New Business

- Playground Funding:
 - The PTO would like to help with the costs of the needed playground repairs based on the recent Equipment Assessment. The repair estimate is \$6,000-8,000.
 - The playground repairs need to be done, and this will benefit all of the students at Marion Walker.
 - The PTO does not have any other big projects at this point for the remainder of the school year. The PTO budget is healthy and we still have income coming in from the Spring Fundraiser and the Carnival.

- Proposal was made to pay \$8,000 for the Playground Equipment repairs. The proposal was unanimously approved.
- Family Reading Night-Ideas for Future years:
 - It was suggested to Amanda from Katy Haagen that a high quality author could be brought in for future reading nights. We could then incorporate different activities based on the different students' reading levels, and the event could be concluded with an assembly for all students combined.
 - There was also discussion about incorporating our Marion Walker Reading Night with Bellefonte Reads. Other Bellefonte schools could also become involved, and the activity could be several days long instead of just one day.
- Family Bowling Day:
 - Family bowling day is usually held in mid March, however Bellefonte Lanes is already booked. Amanda is trying to figure out a date that will be best based around other sports' schedules.
 - Amanda asked permission to spend \$500 to schedule this event. This was approved.
- Popcorn Machine: The popcorn machine was donated. It is being used for a circus themed party and will then be donated to a local church.

Questions/Comments:

- The Reading Counts lab is listed on the schedule for this Tuesday, February 18th, however there is no school. The lab will be closed, and the information will be removed from the schedule. The number of students attending has been fluctuating. The schedule can be adjusted to accommodate the students if we find there are many students attending. It was suggested that the reading lab volunteer arrive a few minutes early and have all computers turned on and ready for the students.

Next meeting will be March 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Walker Elementary School Library.

Motion made by Amanda Grindley to adjourn at 7:26 p.m.

Approved by: Tracie Horn

Second: Verna Schoonover

Submitted by Megan Aberegg