

PTO Meeting December 10, 2014

Sign In:

Kim Gilroy
Joy LeBlanc
Moirra Byrne-Philbrook
Jolie Woodby
Mary Hartigan
Maureen Hamel
Lynn Manseau
Laurielee Roy

Welcome Remarks:

Jim O welcomes group
Review & Adoption of November minutes

Treasurer Report:

General Account:
\$12.48 book refund
\$70.00 t-shirts
\$231.41 reimbursement to Mr. Richardson
Balance: \$2,279.13

Auction Account:

One withdrawal to World Pay Monthly \$49.90
Joy isn't on the account and needs Mike to call World Pay Monthly. Once Joy is on the account, she will ask for the \$49.90 refund.
Balance \$9,279.13

Book Fair and Scholastic Account:

Jim reports on behalf of Sue that as of November 17, 2014 the Balance is \$2,220.40 (Scholastic Dollars)

Numbers have not been updated for this month or last book fair.

Three sets of sign series were purchased
Scholastic Magazines for 7th grade purchased.

Spring Fair pays for magazine subscriptions.

Jim suggests that there be two columns made for clarification i.e Book Fair 1
Book Fair 2.

Mrs. Hartigan asks who decides how Scholastic Dollars are spent.

Maureen H asks if Mrs. Hartigan recieved order forms.

Jim explains the Scholastic catalog has teacher aid type of books and other resources.

Mr. McCafferty will ask Mrs. Hannon how teachers are getting access to order forms.

Joy states she sees proceeds coming in and if given access to the numbers, she could do a ledger sheet for clarification.

Principal Report:

Mr. McCafferty thanks the group for coming. Thanks Mrs. Hartigan and Mrs. Michaud for the wonderful job with the Luke Capistran Run and Bell Ringing with the Builder's Club. Mrs. Hartigan and Mrs. Michaud having been working very hard with the Builder's Club and the Key Club is an extension at the high school level.

Food Supply Drive for Manchester Animal Shelter is underway.

Pat O'Neil is running student council and Green Machine. Mr. O'Neil is doing an outstanding job keeping the children focused.

The Lego Team won the Judges Passion Award at Regionals. They are also seeking a new coach.

Progress reports will be going home on 12/12/14.

No problems at the middle school level with Aspen Family Portal.

Maureen asks for a "Save the Date" (Auction) note to be put on progress reports. Mr. McCafferty states that this is possible.

Auction committee is underway.

Holiday concerts were wonderful.

\$500.00 received from an anonymous donor to go towards coats and boots for children who need them.

Families in need received Thanksgiving baskets.

Next dance is December 19th.

The first ½ hour of the day is Advisory. Children have an opportunity to make connections. For the past two weeks, the topic has been health and wellness.

This Friday the theme is "80's style" Each grade will have a period in the gym to do Zumba. This is a fun activity for the children.

Mr. McCafferty requests that the PTO consider supporting having a DJ for the dance. A parent used to volunteer but is no longer able to do so.

Requests a system that can be purchased for DJ use at dances.

Also asks PTO to support the breakfast with the principal winners from Red Ribbon Week.

Asks PTO to consider snacks for Wednesday's professional development meetings (PLC's).

Mr. McCafferty is working with a sign company for TV in lobby and moving towards purchasing Mac screens, which could roll messages from Mr. McCafferty's office to the entrance of the school and the cafeteria.

Auction Night:

Maureen reports that she and Casey have been working on goals. One is turn the library into a media center and another is to make sure every team has a Chrome Book cart.

Committee looked at the technology at Parker Varney School and looked at what they were able to do with grant money.

Mrs. Allen (former assistant principal at Hillside) offered her assistance in grant writing.

Laurielee explains to Maureen that the Haymarket People's Fund has grants available for students of color and disenfranchised groups.

Maureen created a new spreadsheet regarding the auction and auction items. She also looked at Biddingowl.com website. This website allows for a pay structure in smaller amounts than other sites. Maureen will follow up with the site and asks the group to also look at the website so that everyone can offer some input.

It can be set up different ways.

It can open early (prior to auction). It can allow for an opening bid. It can also run live.

Jim St. Jean offered to do run the auction for the group and has done auctioneering in the past.

School Improvement:

Jim explains beautification for the school and the environment.

Purchasing benches for outside is an option.

Painting the lobby is another option.

Cost of paint should be looked at. An area for the art work should be looked at.

If anyone knows a parent who does interior design, please ask him or her to speak to the PTO about lobby ideas.

Mr. McCafferty lets the PTO know that another student has come forward about winning a one time \$250.00 scholarship.

Inquire with Mike Walsh to see if he can verify. These students were prior to Mr. McCafferty being principal.

Currently, no student has been given a scholarship in the past 4 years.

Online Safety: Jim heard from Lisa W that we were doing this event in January.

School Store: Jim reports Tanya is getting a lot of response from volunteers.

HAMS- Concerts were held last week.

New Business:

Tree lighting ceremony 12/11 at 6pm at the gazebo in Derryfield Park. This will now be an annual event.

Maureen reports she invited Dave Ryan to meet with the PTO about middle school leveling. He cannot make it on a Wednesday evening. Mr. Ryan states that leveling is not on the agenda. Maureen states that if it does become an issue, the PTO would like to be informed.

Jim states he is open to inviting Dr. Livingston to a meeting.

Maureen needs to schedule an auction meeting for January. The meeting will be Wednesday, January 7th at 6:30.

Next PTO meeting is January 14th, 2015.

Meeting Adjourned 8:13 pm