



PTO Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 14 2016.

Attendance: Lindsay Busch, Kelly Flenner, Melissa Hopper, Julie Weber, Courtney Urban, Gretchen Baptie, Angie Burkholder, Danielle Morris, Angel Iacofono, Teri Martin, Susan Dolce, Christy Daugherty, Kelly Fiffick, Linda O'Hara, and Erika Toivonen

- Call to order at 7:03pm
- Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Officers - President: Kelly Flenner, Vice President: Natalie Rosemier, Treasurer: Melissa Hopper, Secretary: Lindsay Busch
- Approval of October, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Courtney Urban, second by Angel Iacofono
- **Treasurer Report – Melissa Hopper**
 - a. Melissa reported That we had additional donations come in for the Read-a-thon bringing our total amount raised to \$8,429.50
 - b. Spirit wear sale thus far has brought in \$554.00
 - c. Melissa wanted to point out that the expenses that we acquire from pay pal and Square use is on a line item. We will charge \$1.00 to off set these charges except for Spirit Wear and Memberships.
 - d. The shopping for our Holiday Shoppe is complete; the rest of the budget will be used for supplies. Melissa explained how we voted to give \$1,500 more at our last money and then another \$1,000 was approved by electronic member vote via Survey Monkey. We have used \$2,755.44 out of the \$3,093.32 budget.
 - e. Kelly Flenner reported that Trivisonno CPA, Inc. has completed the organization's tax return for the year end 8/31/15 and is in the process of filing them for us. An invoice for this service will come at a later date.
- **Book Fair – Natalie Rosemier (Vice President)**

Natalie was unable to attend our meeting this evening so Kelly Flenner filled us in on our Winter Book Fair at Barnes and Noble. It will have a Harry Potter theme since the store has that planned already. We are looking for student volunteers to make snowflakes, face paint, as well as possibly getting a few string instruments to play. We are hoping teachers will sign up to read again like last year.
- **Box Tops:** We had 3,510 turned in and Mrs. Daugherty's class was in 1st place and won a treat party! We had about 124 that were expired. Just a reminder to check expirations. Danielle Morris has graciously accepted Box Tops chairperson role so that Natalie can focus on her VP role on the board.





- Lindsay Busch updated on spirit wear that we will be having a Holiday Sale with our sweatshirts, stadium blankets, and beanie hats. This sale will run from Nov. 16th-Dec 2nd
- Lindsay Busch and Kelly Flenner discussed the upcoming raffle. Kelly went over our classroom basket themes for this year's raffle (one per grade level as opposed to one per classroom) and Lindsay discussed the hiring of a new chef and that we will have plated meals instead of family style to help with food quality.

Directory: Susan Dolce

The director was e-mailed out by our Principal, Mrs. Julie Weber. Mrs. Weber sent it out to all families who supplied the school with an e-mail address.

Winter Craft Night

The board discussed how positive the feedback has been with our first two craft nights. Our mothers are asking for another one to complete a Valentine craft. With the board being in Reverse Raffle mode, they asked for volunteers to help prep the craft. Mrs. Susan Dolce graciously volunteered.

Winter Parties: Kelly Flenner (President)

Kelly discussed the snack that we have had in the past for this party (graham crackers and icing) we will not be doing again and that all snack ideas are welcome. The parties will be on Wednesday Dec. 21st at 2:45

Pizza Bingo – Kelly Flenner

The Bingo night was moved to Lamuth Middle School due to a scheduling conflict at RHS. We are still in need for several volunteers for this event. Kelly mentioned that the sales were down a bit from last year.

Teacher Requests:

Mrs. Martin: Our full day kindergarten would like to go see Beauty and the Beast at the Willoughby Fine Art Center. The \$124.00 that is being requested is for their transportation to and from the play. This money would come out of our Field Trip budget. Motion to Approve: 1st- Angel Iacafono and 2nd – Christy Daugherty, All were in favor of this request.

Mrs. Weber: Our principal would like to make the access space in her office more functional. The building is in need of a space to use for group meeting with administrators, teachers, and intervention specialists and students families. The \$1,500 would be used for a larger meeting table, chairs, and a standing desk to make this space functional. This money would come out of our Project Fund. Motion to Approve “ 1st – Courtney Urban, 2nd- Terri Martin. All were in favor of this request





Mrs. Weber: Would like to buy 10 Hokki Stools for the building. These stools will be distributed to teachers that feel they have students that would benefit from the movement/soothing stimuli that the stools offer. Motion to Approve: 1st – Christy Daugherty, 2nd Danielle Morris. All were in favor of this request.

Mrs. Sarosy: put in a request asking for a commercial grade color printer to be used by all teachers for making classroom materials. The cost that was given to us by another building that purchased this was \$1,200. This request was tabled as the board felt that we did not have enough information and the some research needed to be done by the teachers first. Areas that need to be resolved are: Who will maintain the supply of cartridges; if this is to be the PTO what would the cost be per cartridge. Also, the feeling among the room is that most employers are doing away with color printers due to cost and using color copiers including most other school districts. Last concern was that this may be something that needs to be asked of the district and is not necessarily an area that the PTO should be involved in. Kelly Flenner will work with Mrs, Weber to gather the necessary information needed. The board is willing to send out an electronic vote to all paying members so we do not have to wait for a vote in January if the above issues are resolved.

Finally, Kelly Flenner shared several thank you cards from the teachers and staff thanking the PTO for the two meals that were provided for the conference nights.

- **Principal, Julie Webers comments and updates:** Mrs. Weber was excited to announce that Melridge students supplied 350 pairs of socks for Socktober and also raised \$875.00 for Veteran’s Day week for the David Baker Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Baker was at the Veteran’s assembly and was very thankful and touched by the donation.

The assembly with Jim Basketball Jones seemed to be a huge hit with teachers and students. It was a pleasant surprise that he used much of the language and terms from The Leader in Me.

Lastly, in the month of January Mrs. Weber would like to hear back from families as to how they would like the school to communicate with them. Parent Connections is a focus and how to get families to use the Leader in Me terminology in their homes.

Upcoming Events:

December

9th – Pastries with Parents 4th grade

21st – Winter Classroom Parties at 2:45

February:

5th – Kalahari

March:

11th – Reverse Raffle at Quail Hollow Resort

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

