

Minutes from the PTO Meeting on October 4, 2011

Approval of the minutes from September meeting:

President's Report:

- Contacted World Eye Bookstore and scheduled the book fair on October 27 from 5-7:30 pm
- Talked about the wreaths we will be selling from 5 Acre Farm. We will be selling 12 inch and 16 inch wreaths. They will be sold for \$10 and \$15.00 respectively

Principle's Report:

Treasurer's Report:

- Donna R. has invoices to submit from books bought during the summer for the library. She has spent +- \$700.00 so far. She discussed some of the behind the scenes things that have been happening with the library (updating the library content, cataloging, and re-covering books. Also Donna would love to have help with tasks in the library like shelving, etc. Donations of books from families will be accepted with the understanding that all materials will be juried for content and condition. No "Golden Books" or "Disney" books.

Old Business:

- Voted on date for Laps for Learning- May 19th.
- Box Top entries drawn: Gus Rivers and Maxwell Warner each won a \$15.00 gift card to World Eye Book Store
- Fall Fundraiser Reminders about the wreaths, the book fair, box tops, and A+ bucks.
- Talked about adding other "free" fundraisers to our list i.e. coke rewards

New Business:

- Giving each teacher \$100.00 was discussed at length, but no decision could be made. Discussion tabled it until the next meeting. Noted that all "supplies" for the classrooms should come through the school itself. Teachers will keep the receipts they have until the next meeting. Donna will have a full list of all teachers at the school for the next meeting so we can have a better understanding of how to split the money if that is what we decide.
- Needed: hard copy of what the PTO is willing to help cover the costs of and form a subcommittee of parents to do research about bringing in educators/ presenters, etc.
- Also ask parents what talents they may have that they are willing to share with the school.

- Winter Carnival: discussed having one in February instead of June because of all of the other June events. Many thought it was a good idea, though it was discussed that the kids might miss it in June. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting and a subcommittee will be formed.
- Family Night: discussed having multiple family fun nights, movie nights to increase the sense of community in the school.
- Reusable Bags: tabled until the next meeting - shortage of time.

Responsive Classroom: a talk was given by M Harcourt and M Sustick. Other teachers present also talked about what the approach is and why it is useful. We toured some of the classrooms in order to see the kids "Hopes and Dreams" and how they used their hopes and dreams to come up with a list of classroom rules that would help them to achieve those goals. It was very informative!

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE TEACHERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN ENRICHING OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESPONSIVE CLASSROOM APPROACH!!!!

Adjourn: 7:20

Next meeting will be November 1, 2011 at 6:00 pm