

Four Corners PTO Minutes

November 9, 2010

President's Report

- Scholastic book fair had \$2219.29 in total sales – leaving roughly \$1200 in profit.
- Motion made by Barbara Weber to accept \$600 cash and \$600 scholastic dollars as profit. Motion was seconded by Michelle Strahan and passed unanimously.
- Claudia Hernandez will go to Scholastic book sale on 12/08 to purchase books varying in age level to set aside for Bingo for Books, etc.
- Only 13 participants signed up so far for A+ Bucks at Stop & Shop - \$19.30 earned so far. A letter to go home encouraging parents to sign up.
- Original Works had \$2300 in sales – unsure of profit amount. Profit to be deposited into PTO account but for use only by art department.

Treasurer's Report

Jamie Cote reported an account balance of \$3778.71. This amount does not include amount in cash box or the subtraction of three reimbursement requests submitted at the meeting.

Principal's Report

- Donna Gleason reported that the African Storyteller was very enjoyable to both the teachers and the students.
- The Shea Theatre contacted Donna for an upcoming African drummer performance. The school district will provide for the three busses needed for transportation. A notice will go home asking for \$4.50 per student for admission. PTO funds will be available for scholarship if needed.
- Donna expressed thanks to Tina Clark for all of her hard work with the children.
- The trail in the back is completed and the Kindergarten has placed pumpkins from the garden along it and will monitor the decomposition.
- Return from Africa evening event is scheduled for 11/12 from 6:30-7:30.

Fundraising Update

Shaddai Bishop reported that the 2nd fundraiser of the year went home on 11/8 – Mo's Fudge Factor. Orders are due back on 11/22 and will be delivered the week prior to December vacation. After this there will be a break in fundraisers until March.

Old Business

- ***Funding budget for performers*** – a suggestion was made by Shaddai Bishop to allot the profit from the Little Caesar's fundraiser (\$1600) as a performer budget. This would make it so that there does not need to be separate approval for each event and the committee would be able to book events in a more timely manner. Since the superintendent has said that the school district would fund a signature trip for each grade – these funds could be solely for guests to come into the school. A motion was made by Melissa Pitrat to allot \$1600-\$550 for performers/guests with the option to approach PTO at a later time if more funding was needed. The motion was seconded by Marianne Harcourt and passed unanimously.

New Business

- ***Family Fun Events*** – Discussion of PTO sponsored events at no cost to parent/family. Suggestions made were a dance, movie night, pajama reading night, game night, make it and take it. After discussion a dance was not structured enough and just seemed to be a lot of running around. Decision was made to have the first even be on Friday January 7th at 6:45 and will be a family movie night. A committee was formed to take on the planning of this event – Matt Tirrell, Viki Caruso, and Kerry Noble. They will also look into the purchasing of a popcorn machine which could then be used at future school events.
- ***Parent Involvement at Meetings*** – Barbara Weber suggested that the parents present at the meeting be awarded a “prize” for bringing a new parent with them to the next meeting. Melissa Pitrat volunteered to supply the mystery prizes.
- A suggestion was made by Carolyn McDaniel to have the meetings on different nights – might allow different people to attend. Beginning in January we will flip flop our meeting nights to try and be more accommodating.
- Marianne Harcourt suggested a “How To” presentation by a teacher at meetings providing information on ways to help students with learning at home. First of this will be in January with topic TBD (possibly math games).
- ***Teacher Spending Account*** – A reminder to teachers that purchases looking for reimbursement through the PTO should be approved/requested ahead of time sparked a discussion of having a “Spending Account” for each teacher that they could be reimbursed for purchases without prior approval up to a certain amount. Shaddai Bishop reminded the group that the bylaws states that any request over \$100 has to be approved by a majority vote. Discussion of what constitutes a teacher. Donna Gleason to get list of faculty prior to next meeting. A

Announcements/Open Discussion

- Donna Gleason will speak briefly at the next meeting as to what the Innovation School is all about and allow parents the opportunity to ask questions. Parents were asked to give thought to this prior to the next meeting.
- There was also discussion regarding a survey of the report card used in Greenfield. It was suggested that we wait until after report cards are issued to allow parents a chance to view the paperwork prior to answering questions about changes to it.

Next Meeting

**Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., in
the school library**