

Minutes from PTO meeting, October 10, 2011 – 6:30pm

Present at meeting: Ginny Kolbenson, Lise-Anne Cooledge, Pauline Perry, David Wells, Naomi Shaw, Cheryl Day, and Kendra Myers.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

David updated the PTO on the upcoming parent workshops. Workshops will include dinner and child care. Child care will be provided by the 8th graders. Currently there are approximately 15 people signed up to attend. There may be a request for funds in the future to help cover the cost of food.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Pauline provided us with the following updated accounting record:

\$5156.50 was the previous balance.

\$5119.13 is the current balance and after all projected costs are paid out the balance will be

\$3510.72

OPEN HOUSE

Feedback from the Open House was generally positive. There were very little supplies left over and Barb shared that she had purchased approx. 160 plates so that number can be used to make purchases next year.

INNISBROOK

The current total from the Innisbrook fundraiser is \$6462. The PTO will get approx. ½ of that total which does give us a slightly lower amount than the previous year. This is something we were aware could happen with the removal of the prizes/incentives. One idea we would like to remember for the future is to give ourselves a buffer of one week between the deadline for parent orders and the deadline for submissions.

CONTACT LISTS

The current contact lists include parents who no longer have children in the school. It was discussed that after one year of not being in attendance contacts will be removed from the email list unless they request otherwise. A motion was passed to put this into effect by Lise-Anne and was seconded by Ginny. Motion passed.

BOOK FAIR

A request for volunteers was put in the school newsletter. Lise-Anne will also post the volunteer sign up outside the library door. Otherwise things on target for the book fair.

FUTURE PROJECTS

The PTO would like to look into reinstating the Safe Routes to School program. We will look into this for the spring.

A Circus Smirkus program was presented. The cost is \$1500 although that can be offset by tuition by parents for an after school program that would lead to a community presentation. The program also includes 4 school workshops and an all school assembly. Cheryl will contact another school that has worked with this program and bring back information before any more discussions are

held.

The Eat Local fundraiser from last year was discussed. Mark had mentioned last year that he would be willing to help out again this year. Ginny will talk to Mark and we will postpone a vote until we hear from Mark. Mark needs to be kept in the loop with all info so he can help with the website also.

FALL SPORTS BANQUET

The PTO will provide paper products. A motion was made by Lise-Anne to approve \$30. The motion was seconded by Kendra. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

The Covered Bridge Tournament is this weekend. There will be a pep rally on Friday 10/14 at approx. 2:40pm in the gym. K-8 will be invited.

Ms. Ellis is looking to hatch chicks in the spring. She may be coming to the PTO for funds for an incubator. Naomi will ask about an incubator from the UVM extension program at their next meeting.

John Dody and Kurt Sherman are looking at working with Lego Robot kits as a club to be offered for 5th-8th graders. Kits run about \$300 a piece. This may be a future request for funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm
Kendra Myers

Submitted by