**PTA Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

**Attendees**

Co-Presidents, Mandy Edwards, Kristin Piccioni, Treasurer-Kathy Redman, Secretary-Theresa Long, Janell Principe, Sabrina Makeren, Cheryl McCall, Dawn Kaufman, Heather Greeno, Tracy Marsh, Laurel Struck, Gina Walsh, Hillary Grneer, Justin Huck, Sheila Heine.

**Agenda**

President Kristin Piccioni called the meeting to order at 658. February meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Treasurer report**, Kathy and Dawn reviewed the current budget, the smaller grants that are helping with headphones and drums and I pads, these are helping a large numbers of students. Income from spring fundraiser, some are giving a donation instead of buying magazines. Donations accepted whenever. 12247.10 for Box tops were sent in.

**Presidents report**, there will be testing going on pretty much all the time now for the rest of the year. Picnic Benches are here, they must be cemented in. Thoughts on doing a dedication after they are installed. Maybe order a Plaque? Also thoughts about finishing the field in the back, grass or water system or something. The city and the district were going to swap some land because there is an acre that the school does not own, but they do maintain it. Cheryl just thinks we should really make it a nice looking area. Maybe a fundraiser? Bring in the school board and PTA and discuss this? It will need a well for water. It is quite a process, because it has to be sprayed and then cleared and then planted. So we need a vision or plan and a business partner and then we can present it.

 **Secretary report,** We currently have 91 members. Report will need to be by submitted april30.

**Project lead the way**, was a success, the kids worked in groups well. Teacher perspective, learning from the bottom up the teachers see it all coming together for the kids. Trying and improving instead of failing. Hillary said they built coolers to keep the popsicle’s cool. They are adding modules every year. Can be used as a curriculum. Science is being added to the project lead the way.

**Committee reports:** Administrative prof day, April 22nd. Maybe a gift card? $100 for Natalie. There will be a Teacher recognition dinner the 23rd of April Mrs. Heine is retiring.

Teacher appreciation week is April 4th thru 8th.

**Unfinished business:** We are hopefull to hear from someone on taking over sat live. Also the end of Kathy’s Reign as Treasurer is coming, so keep ears open for a new person, she will help dawn as necessary.

**New Business**

* Teacher Grant Applications: Janell would like to purchase an ipad mini for her resource class, which would benefit many kids who need special apps that are available on ipads. She was able to get some free cases for I pad mini. Tracy moved we approve, dawn second, motion passed.
* ANTS Program: Mrs. Heine reports that the trip to pompeys pillar was a success and the kids are learning how to track animals through prints and scat. They are also teaching them about lewis and clark. However the school is responsible for the scheduling and travel cost. They applied for a grant from one class at a time and would like the PTA to put in $150 toward the travel cost. Heather made a motion, Hillary second the motion, motion passed to pay the $150.

**Fall fundraiser for 2015:**

Hillary reported Gina Tallman came by and wanted feedback from the fall fundraiser, seemed like a huge amount of work for the 40% we got. We don’t feel the company was a good fit for us. Catalog was drastically different from what we saw in the spring. Suggested by Tracy why don’t we go with Cammie who does this for a living, a couple people said that Cammie does not follow thru. We need to narrow it down to three or four things tonight and then vote on those things at next months meeting. Maybe do 3rd and under sell one thing and 4 thru 6 sell something different to break it up. Coupon books? We decided that would not be a good idea since they go home with the books. Hillary suggested that the president just decide on a couple she thinks would work and go from there. It was suggested that we give the kids a goal, like Zoo Montana coming in with some animals if everybody sells just one thing. Dawn suggested we go with someone local that we can trust and talk with and ask questions too. Tracy will schedule Cammie to come in April to talk to us about her fundraisers. Hillary will email Gina that we are going with someone else. Tracy is taking on the fundraising at committee chair.

We need to start looking at chairs for next fall as well.

March 20th Beartooth Reef night. 4 to 9 pm $10.

It was suggested that we start McKenzie river pizza night back up.

Kindergarden registration can happen now.

Popcorn party for Thompson and Mccarlins classes for top boxtop classes. We have 8000 points for soup labels.

Meeting adjourned at 809pm