Nov 14, 2017

Pittsfield Elementary School-PTO Meeting Minutes

630PM-830PM in the PES Library

Present: Derek Hamilton, Melissa Babcock, Katie Nikas, Kelly Page, Kim Pelletier, Katie Cote, Donna Anderson, Ross Morse, Mary Perry, Jenn Codispoti, Lenore Coombs, Lisa English, Sabrina Smith

The meeting was in a structured social format. Melissa introduced herself as well as others present. The meeting progressed to a discussion format surrounding the feedback collected. The main focus of the meeting was about feedback about the Halloween Parade and Trunk or Treat, Breakfast with Santa, box tops, possible Bingo Fundraiser, fundraiser baskets, and the book fair.

The overall feedback from the Halloween Parade was very positive. Staff members as well as members from the PTO had agreed that it was a wonderful compromise. Some of the PTO members suggested that next year we should somehow involve the Students from PMHS to participate in the parade in some way. Plans for next year’s parade will be talked about a month prior to avoid confusion of details.

Members discussed and finalized plans about the upcoming event breakfast with Santa. Details on cooking, supplies and times were finalized. Some members of the Girl Scouts in the community offered to take pictures of Santa with the children. PTO accepted their offer.

Mary Perry has been chosen to be a chair person for collecting, organizing and sending out the box tops. Box tops are looking to be sent out soon.

The PTO was able to get 127 Vouchers for books for the book fair. There was some discussion of how to better select children who needed vouchers. Members of the PTO and staff also discussed the class book fair times. All members felt as though classrooms should go down as a whole for more time to view the fair. Time conflict and scheduling limits this. Members will review this information for future book fairs.

Fundraiser baskets were displayed and reviewed and more donations had been added to the baskets. The baskets will be doing a trial run. Raffle tickets will be sold at the beginning of December and raffled off just before Christmas Break. In the New Year more Baskets will be raffled off as well as a notice sent home to the whole school letting parents know about it.

The Bingo Fundraiser was brought to the table to be voted on. There was lots of discussion and lots of disagreements. Melissa made a motion to approve Bingo Fundraiser. Sabrina Smith seconded the motion to approve. The table was spilt. Members talked more of the pros and cons of the fundraiser. Melissa made a motion to approve the bingo fundraiser. Katie Nikas seconded the motion to approve. The Bingo fundraiser was voted no. The PTO did not move forward in pursuing it.

Stay tuned for more details of events that are going on in the year! Also keep your eyes and ears open for the new fundraiser!