Dec 19, 2017

Pittsfield Elementary School-PTO Meeting Minutes

630PM-830PM in the PES Library

Present: Katie Nikas, Melissa Babcock, Ross Morse, Kali Mara, Kelly Page and Carrie Clark.

The meeting was in a structured social format. The meeting progressed to a discussion format surrounding the feedback collected. The main focus of the meeting was about the following topics: review detail list of “to do’s” fundraising baskets, spring book fair, feedback from Breakfast with Santa and looking ahead to find “chair people” for other spring events.

Katie made a motion to approve meeting minutes read from November and Ross Morse seconded the motion.

Members realized that the treasure reports have been an oversight at previous meetings because the treasurer is unable to attend monthly meetings. Going forward PTO members will make sure to have it for review before February meeting takes place.

Overall feedback from Breakfast with Santa was very positive. Members agreed that having other community members like the Girl Scout troop to take the pictures was very helpful and lines moved quickly. Members voted for gift certificates to be given to the volunteer Santa and volunteer musician. Table voted. $50 gift certificate will be given to volunteer Santa and $25 gift certificate will be given to the musician.

The fall book fair was the biggest fall book fair the school has ever had with the total of $4,776.61. PTO choose the scholastic dollars which totaled out to $2,388.30. All members agreed the donations boxes that were scattered around in the community for the book fair should only be done during the fall book fairs and not the spring.

Members discussed the possibility of having a contest for box tops to encourage classrooms and students to bring them in. Ideas of contests discussed were as follows: pops for tops (every student that brings some in will get a pop), what class has the most box tops can get some kind of party, or reward like new recess equipment. Examples of recess equipment might include bubbles, chalk, jump ropes etc. maybe even some form of playground tub or basket.

A few members expressed their concerns about the fundraiser baskets. Some were worried that there were some mis-communication from the PTO and teachers, some parents did not know to bring in items, and the season and the month may have stopped a few families from contributing due to the busy and expensive time of year. Ideas for next year were maybe to take the burden off of teachers but there needs to be more members of the PTO willing to help put together baskets. Some students of PES expressed that they didn’t like the idea of not getting prizes for selling a certain amount of items. Members of the PTO discussed an incentive or reward for the students for the most raffle tickets sold. Members agreed the highest individual seller will get a sled. Members also agreed the class who sells the most raffle tickets will get a yummy frozen treat. The free passes the PTO received from Cowabungas will be put in the sports themed raffle basket.

Looking ahead to spring fundraisers the PTO will look more into about color races, or race themed events. PTO is also looking into the possibly of getting some kind of table for the balloon rally this year because the balloon rally will not charge non-profit organizations.

PTO also will have a table at Winterfest. Members agreed to make snowman kits with the children collecting various materials for the school and community to help make the kits.

Stay tuned for more details of events that are going on this year! And good luck to anyone that has entered the raffles! Winners will be drawn at the winter concert!

Katie Nikas motioned to approve meeting minutes read. Ross Morse seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Carrie Clark made a motion to approve $50 given to volunteer Santa. Katie Nikas seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Carrie Clark made a motion to approve $25 given to volunteer musician. Katie Nikas seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Katie Nikas made a motion to approve the PTO purchasing a sled for $50. Carrie Clark seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Katie Nikas made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion approved.