April

Pittsfield Elementary School-PTO Meeting Minutes

600PM-830PM in the PES Library

Present: Kelly Page, Kim Pelletier, Katie Nikas, Adam Gauthier, Kathy Lemay, Donna Anderson, Darlene Stewart, Beth Colon-Paga, Melissa Babcock

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 teacher appreciation week, field trips, Spring fundraiser and possible family events.

Teacher Appreciation week starts May 7th and goes until Friday. Members discussed ideas and details for teacher appreciation week. Among things discussed were having blank thank you cards at the entrance of the school so children can write cards to teachers. Things also discussed were renting a massage chair so that in between classes or breaks teachers could enjoy! Members also discussed getting a big sub or a meat platter for a teacher’s lunch. The PTO will be doing a waffle breakfast the first week of teacher appreciation and asking for donations for waffle toppings. There will also be a fruit option for the waffle breakfast. The lunch will have to be set up before the first lunch around 10:45.

1-2 Multigrade class had a field trip request to the Seacoast Science Center to learn about “Save the Seal” program. The total cost of the field trip would be $605. The cost for the bus would be $389. Members agreed that there will be most likely a lot of field trip requests due to budget cuts. To budget better and make it fair for other classes the PTO agreed just to cover the bus. PTO voted and members approved to pay $389 for the bus.

Summer field trips will continue to happen this year. Members discussed of better ways of communicating to people and school about not being able to make it or calling people if there was spots open. All agreed summer months are hard to get a 100% attendance, but think the field trips are great and educational.

Members discussed a box top app that you can scan box tops and it will get you double the points. Also discussed were ideas to advertise box tops in the Suncook Valley paper or put collection boxes around town. PTO is still planning on the kids having a box top contest and whatever class gets the most box tops will win a “recess box” consisting of bubbles, chalk, jump rope etc.

Cornhole Tournament at the Balloon Rally will ultimately be replacing our Spring fundraiser this year! It will be hosted in the Tennis court at Drake’s field. Members discussed to keep the costs down in entering the tournament. More details will follow.

Blizzard bags were brought to the table of discussion. Since no one at the table was interested in pursuing Blizzard bags the table disregarded it.

PTO discussed possible upcoming family events like a daddy daughter dance or a parent breakfast etc. Members agreed that “daddy” and mommy events were very important and should be highlighted but also understood the different tittles and demographics so new names for the events were tossed around. Names like “granola with gals” or “doughnuts with great guys” Members decided the “mom and important ladies” event would be on May 16th and the “dad and important guys” event would be on June 13th. Names for the mom and dad events are still being decided. More details to follow. Members also agreed that there wasn’t time to fit any type of family dance this year but it is on the drawing board for next year.

Members discussed signing up for the School Store.com. It’s a site that you sign up for to shop with online and the PTO gets a % back for the school. Members voted. Members approved.

Treasurer report was read by PTO.

Donna made a motion to approve paying $389 for bus for field trip. Katie seconded it. Motion approved.

Katie made a motion to approve signing up for School Store.com. Kelly seconded it. Motion approved.