

PES PTO

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

PES Library

Present: Melissa Babcock, Kathy LeMay, Jill Gauthier, Jossie Rowell, Sabrina Smith, Bernadette Rowley.

1. Call to order @ 4:05 pm
2. Sabrina Smith submitted a correction to Jossie Rowell's last name in September's meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were motioned by Jossie Rowell for approval, seconded by Melissa Babcock. Motion approved.
3. Officer's Report
 - a. Treasurer's report- \$63 for UNH STEM tickets were deducted from PTO funds after a hidden \$3 service fee had been added for each ticket at time of purchase. PTO will keep note of cost for next year. Jill Gauthier motioned to approve Treasurer's report, Jossie Rowell seconded. Motion approved.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Trunk or Treat- Jill Gauthier has volunteered as chair for Trunk or Treat this year. Utility form, flyer, popcorn machine are all set. Mike Wolf will have someone help set up lights. Fire will need easy access to get in and out while police will be sitting. We are planning on having a scaffold at Trunk or Treat for children to show off their carved pumpkins. Lions Club will be selling pumpkins at Harvest Fest to carve and bring or children can bring their own pumpkins from home to display. We are still looking for more volunteers to help set up/clean up or who might want to make some baked goodies to bring and donate.
 - b. Fundraising Raffle- Letters will be sent out Friday to teachers/staff with information about this year's raffle baskets. Our plan is for basket themes to be picked by grades and letters sent home to parents by October 19th. Items for baskets due by November 2nd. Pamphlets and tickets distributed to children to sell by November 9th. If someone needs extra tickets, they will be found in PES office. Tickets and money will need to be returned by November 26th right after Thanksgiving vacation. Prizes will be awarded to the top ticket sellers by class, student, family. Different ideas for prizes were suggested. Basket winners will be drawn on December 1st at Breakfast with Santa event.
 - c. Scholastic Book Fair- Sabrina Smith has volunteered as chair. We are still looking for volunteers to help during the book fair.
 - d. Breakfast with Santa- This year, Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, Dec 1st. We are still looking for a chair and volunteers.
 - e. Father's Day/Mother's Day- Nothing new at this time. A chairperson and volunteers are still needed.
5. Administrative Leadership Team- nothing at this time.

6. Teacher/Faculty Input- The water fountain is now filtered. Bernadette Rowley will take care of the details of announcing it to the school. This year, the Scholastic Book vouchers for children will be given to Kathy LeMay or Mike Curtin to give out to children in classrooms. Thank you to all the teachers who gave us feedback on the best way to make this work.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Anti-Bullying Program/Assembly- Copies of the Bullying Prevention Strategies Fall 2018 report were passed around. The "Look for the Good Project" for K-6th grade will start this month. More information can be found through PES office.
 - b. Basket Fundraiser- Melissa Babcock has volunteered as chair. We are still looking for volunteers to help teachers put baskets together for the classes.
 - c. Fall Family Dance- Katie Nikas has volunteered as chair for this committee. Facilities form has been approved and the flyer has been made. We are still looking for volunteers to help on the committee with planning. The dance is donation collection event and free with a children's snack donation (granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.).
 - d. School Store Fundraiser Updates- Nothing new at this time.
 - e. Fall Book Fair/All For Books- Sabrina Smith has volunteered as chair for this committee. We are still looking for volunteers to help out.
 - f. All School Morning Meetings- Coffee and snacks will now be provided in the front of the school for parents/families joining for morning meetings. All families are welcome to join the morning meetings.
 - g. UNH Football game and STEM Activity Day recap- We had a total of 6 families who bought tickets (21 tickets) for the event. A pamphlet for one of the STEM activities, SubZero Icecream and Yogurt, was brought back and discussed as an option for the class who sells the most tickets in the Basket Raffle. Overall, the event was a success and enjoyed by all who attended. It was also a proud moment when our town of Pittsfield was listed and announced on the Jumbotron during half time!
 - h. Spring 2019 Fundraiser/Color Run (Carrie Clark)- The Color Run will be held during home coming weekend 2019. We are still looking for volunteers who would like to help with planning.
8. New Business
 - a. Fund Requests- We are asking that requests for field trips be submitted by December to Derek Hamilton.
 - b. School Board Meeting- The next school board meeting will be on October 18th in the Media Center at Pittsfield Middle-High School beginning at 5:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
9. Announcements- A reminder that mid-term election voting is taking place on November 6th at the town hall. Funding education will be an important part of your vote!
10. Meeting was adjourned at 5:26 pm.