PES PTO

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

PES Library

Present: Melissa Babcock, Katie Nikas, Sabrina Smith, Jill Gautheir, Kathy LeMay, Liz Erickson, Jossie Ravell, Corey Knecht, Najma Knecht, Sarah Manter

1. Call to order @ 6:05 pm
2. Meeting minutes were motioned by Katie Nikas for approval after noting votes for President, VP and treasurer weren’t included in previous meeting minutes and seconded by Jill Gautheir. Motion approved.
3. Officer’s Report
4. Treasurer’s report- A financial summary was presented with income and expenses listed and $13,392.15 as our current balance.
5. Committee Reports
6. Trunk or Treat- We are looking for a chairperson/committee needed. Sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers. We will follow similar process as last year; 5:30 pm cars set up and 6:00 pm trunk or treat starts. New ideas brought up were to set up a display for pumpkins from Harvest Fest so the children could show off their work during Trunk or Treat.
7. Fundraising Raffle- 146 Solicitations were sent out with 36 generous donations for raffle baskets so far. We will be finishing up with solicitations by October 10th and would like to have themes for baskets picked out by this date as well. Thank-You cards were sent to all businesses who have donated to our school so far. We discussed moving the raffle to Breakfast with Santa instead of waiting until the January Christmas concert. It was also noted that ticket sales last year for the raffle surpassed Cherrydale sales. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help the classes put baskets together.
8. Scholastic Book Fair- We are looking for a chairperson and volunteers to help with the book fair. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
9. Breakfast with Santa- This year, Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, Dec 1st. We are looking for a chair and volunteers. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
10. Father’s Day/Mother’s Day- Nothing new at this time. We discussed increasing our budget for next year since we had larger turnout than expected. A chairperson and volunteers are still needed.
11. Administrative Leadership Team- nothing at this time.
12. Teacher/Faculty Input- nothing at this time. Liz Erickson mentioned she will be at monthly meetings.
13. Unfinished Business
14. Box Tops- A flyer was sent home with children at the end of the school year and an article was also placed in the Suncook Sun to collect Box Tops from the community. A total of 800 Box Tops were collected over the summer months earning our school a total of $80.00. For every 10 Box Tops collected, the person’s name was entered into a raffle for a special prize from Appleview Orchard. Names were drawn during the meeting awarding one student with a Family Fun Pack of 4 Pecks of apples/4 small ice creams. Two other students each won $10 gift certificates to Appleview Orchard. We will be sending home flyers with the children to start another collection of Box Tops from now until Christmas.
15. Cornhole Tournament- Thank you to all who volunteered and donated to the cornhole tournament to make it such a success. We ended with a $398.98 profit, not including left-over children’s prizes and items we will be able to use next year. Suggestions were made to have two tournaments next year instead of just the one tournament. We are looking for feedback on where the PTO would like to go with the Cornhole tournament in the future.
16. Anti-Bullying Program/Assembly- The assembly will be held on Friday, September 21 starting at 9:15 am This year’s program includes grades K-3rd (including any 3/4th grade classes). Liz brought up the previous year when 4th-12th grades were included, might exclude the 4th grade class for this year. Melissa said she would look into it.
17. Spring 2019 Fundraiser/5K Color Run- We are looking into an April 2019 Color run fundraiser for spring. We will need at least 50 participants and 12 weeks of planning for the fundraiser. A motion to move for planning was made by Katie Nikas and seconded by Jill Gauthier.
18. Fall Family Dance- We are looking for a chairperson and volunteers for the Fall Family Dance that will be held on Saturday, November 17th for grades K-6th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.
19. School Store Fundraiser Updates- Last year we earned $121.27 and we are looking forward to starting this back up soon.
20. Buddy Bench Signs- Melissa went over what the Buddy bench was and what it is used for. The new signs will be presented at the October morning meeting. We discussed flyers and YouTube videos to use at tools to let parents and children know what a Buddy bench is. We talked about the two locations and if there would be a better location for the bench.
21. New Business
22. Fund Requests- We discussed teachers making all field trip requests by December 31st through Mr. Hamilton. Teachers can help advertise the basket raffles to help raise money for the field trips. PTO will help support and/or assist families and consider additional field trips that may come up.
23. 2018-2019 Meetings Schedule- PTO meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month with alternating start times to accommodate more families/teachers. On all even months (October, December, February, April, June) the meetings will start at 4:00 pm and on all odd months (September, November, January, March, May) the meeting will start at 6:00 pm.
24. Harvest Fest and Trunk or Treat- Harvest Fest will be on Saturday, October 20th. We discussed coming up with an idea for a fall craft to promote PTO at the town pool. Ideas tossed around were making pumpkin lanterns out of milk jugs or Gatorade calming bottles.
25. Fall Book Fair- We discussed the cardboard collection boxes for collecting loose change last year earning our school $600.00. We were then able to give each teacher seven $5 vouchers for children without a book in their class. We are asking for feedback from teachers on how to improve the process.
26. All school Morning Meetings- School morning meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, starting October 17th. Parents and family members are welcome. Morning Meetings start at 8:15 am.
27. School Board Meeting Dates- School board meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month starting at 5:30 pm.
28. STEM Day at Wildcat Stadium Saturday, October 6th- UNH is hosting STEM education day for grades K-12th from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm. Tickets are $9 each and does not include any parking fees that may apply. A flyer for ticket sales will be sent out with students on Friday, September 14th. Hosting a bus was suggested, but without knowing the number of people interested and being short on time, it was decided we would look into the possibility of a bus for next year.
29. Announcements- Ross Morse is no longer our District Liaison.
30. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.