PES PTO

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

PES Library

Present: Melissa Babcock, Katie Nikas, Sabrina Smith, Meg Foehl, Jossie Larck, Jill Gautheir, Liz Erickson, Tessa Mancini, Anna Chaney.

1. Call to order @ 4:25 pm
2. November Meeting minutes were motioned by Katie Nikas for approval, seconded by Liz Erickson. Motion approved.
3. Officer’s Report
4. A treasurer report on Book Fair and Breakfast with Santa will be available at next meeting.
5. Committee Reports
6. Nothing new at this time
7. Administrative Leadership Team- nothing at this time.
8. Teacher/Faculty Input- Tessa Mancini and Liz Erickson suggested ideas with a focus on bridging school with community. Some ideas included: Inviting families to a spaghetti dinner, a Job Fair in the gym with local businesses to spotlight what community resources are available, and packets to pass out that include community resources. Liz Erickson volunteered to email PTO minutes to teachers who aren’t able to make it to meetings can comment via email for input. Still open for discussion to move PTO meetings to Wednesday early release days so that more teachers can participate. Melissa Babcock asked as a reminder for teachers to like the PTO Facebook page. Liz also added that teachers could possibly use Dojo for reminders to parents about PTO meeting and activities.
9. Unfinished Business
10. Book Fair- Final numbers will be provided in Treasurer report at next meeting but estimated Fall 2018 profits in scholastic dollars this year $2,511.11. Final numbers will be provided in Treasurer report at next meeting. Liz Erickson brought up an application process and lottery system for next year’s All For Books vouchers. Katie Nikas suggested using Blackboard to remind parents of Book Fair days. Thank yous were passed out to all who volunteered during Book Fair. Congratulations to Katie Nikas for winning the limited edition 2018 Scholastic Book Fair Pin this year for being our top volunteer!
11. Basket Fundraiser- Final numbers will be provided in Treasurer report at next meeting. We had an estimated $3,224.00 in ticket sales this year which is up from last year. Meg Foehl suggested more time to put the donations for baskets together for next year. Thank yous were passed out to all who volunteered during the Basket Fundraiser this year. A special thank you to Melissa Babcock for chairing the event!
12. Royal Dance- Thank you Katie Nikas for chairing our first PTO dance. Thank yous were passed out to all who volunteered.
13. Breakfast with Santa- Final numbers will be provided at next meeting. Music and holding the Basket Raffle during long lines for Santa shop was a success. Liz Erickson suggested another room for parents (conference room, teachers room) to wait while their children shop and elves can bring children back to parents. Thank yous were passed out to all who volunteered.
14. All School Morning Meetings- December 19th PTO will not be able to provide coffee and snacks for parents. We are still looking into a warmer area to set up.
15. New Business
16. Fund Requests- We are asking that requests for field trips be submitted by December 20th to Derek Hamilton. Three fund requests were voted on in this month’s meeting:
17. The 4th Grade field trip to New Hampshire State House on April 22, 2019. Cost of field trip $216.00 plus bus transportation. It will be $3 per family and PTO will cover the cost of the bus. Katie Nikas motioned to approve, Jill Gauthier seconded. Motion approved.
18. Rowley/Erickson school presentation with Wildlife Encounters. Includes all of 2nd grade, some 1st graders and possible all 1st graders. Planned for sometime in June. $360 total with $2 per family. Request for $260.00. Katie Nikas motioned to approve, Jill Gauthier 2nd. Motion was approved.
19. Preschool and Kindergarten team requested $38 for a Christmas Tree to be used during Winter Solstice this year. The tree can be shared for other activities but reserved each year specifically for Winter Solstice. Jill Gauthier motioned to approve, Anna Chaney 2nd. Motion approved.
20. School Board Meeting- The next school board meeting will be December 20th and January 3rd in the Media Center at Pittsfield Middle-High School beginning at 5:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
21. Announcements- Happy Holidays from PTO! Our next meeting is January 9th, 2019 from 6:00-8:00 pm
22. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.