

PTO MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

PTO BOARD/CHAIRS ATTENDANCE: Cheryl Mitcham, Jacqui Goldberg, Cariann Steenbruggen, Katherine Russo, Lisa Gold, Adina Kurzman, Kristi Johnson

PRS ADMINISTRATOR: Paula DelPrete, Larry Wolpe

MINUTES – December minutes were passed around and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE – Paula DelPrete

- We are coming up to assessment testing season. The testing schedule is now complete and there will be 2 rounds of testing, in March and May. Two grade levels will be tested on the same day.
- Author Tish Robbie was here before the holidays and was a successful event
- The Winter Chorus (Grades 2-5) and 5th grade band concert will be next week on Jan. 21. There may be a need to hire 2 new band teachers in the future.
- Morning clubs are going strong, as well as the engineering club. Legos/Robotics will start Feb. 2

TREASURER REPORT – Jacqui Goldberg

- On track for the year so far, although we did not do as well on gift wrap (Genevieve's) as we have in past years. Using new vendor next year.
- Amazon program is going well.
- All mini-grants have been completed.

BOARD UPDATE – Cheryl Mitcham

- Speakers: Michelle Kinsella will speak at next PTO on 2/11/15. Brendan Ryan from Food Services will speak on 3/11/15. No speakers in April or May.

COMMITTEE CHECK-INS

BOKS – Chris Lewis

- Fall session finished 12/17. Great session with guests from National Guard. Chris expects them to return during spring session.
- Spring session dates need approval (March 30-June 11). Spring session will run on Mon & Thur mornings, for 18 total "sessions".

- Current volunteers are expected to return to volunteer in spring.

FIFTH GRADE FUNDRAISING – Not present

BOXTOPS – Maura Cahn (not present)

- Maura emailed the Boxtops contest winners out to the loop during the holiday break. Ms. McCarthy's class was the winner.
- Ellen Fitch will take over BoxTops next year.

CREATIVE ARTS – Lisa Gold

- Townwide Lexington Symphony is scheduled for 2/4/15 for Grade 4.
- Chris Lambert (weather, Ch. 7) will be scheduled for sometime in Feb. for Grade 2. Waiting on date from Ch. 7.
- Japanese drummers will return for Grade 1 in April.

FUNDRAISING –

- Online fundraising is going very well for Amazon, Target, and Stop & Shop
- KidsStuff books (Cariann) PRS makes 50% off each book sold

LEGO CLUB – Kevin Mullen (not present)

- Forms went out in last week's Friday folder. Club expected to start Feb. 2.

SPRING EVENT – Lisa Gold

- Still working on it. Having location/budget issues, so still researching some options.

SQUARE 1 ART – Courtney Edelman (not present)

- The students started working on their Square 1 art projects this week.

SPIRIT – Kristi Johnson

- Website renewal discussion. Motion made/approved to continue the online "store".
- Kristi will set up a table to sell merch at Winter Chorus concert
- Will repeat "March Madness" spirit contest again this year