

PTSA Meeting Minutes April 20, 2015

Present: Deanna Louis, Pam Moser, Kari Honer, Jill Plonka.

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

The secretary's report from the March meeting was approved.

Treasurer's report: Current balance is \$1,904.30.

Fundraising report: Jill mentioned that checks from Boxtops for Education (\$425.50) and Funding Factory -toner/cell phone company (\$250) should be arriving in the next few weeks. Mrs. Walker has offered to sell PTSA spirit items during the book sale coming up April 29 – May 8. It was decided to let them sell Ithaca Bulldog pencils and Ithacaopoly games (Jill has a small supply) and old elementary yearbooks esp. on Monday May 4 when the sale goes until the band/choir concert at 7 pm. Jill will discuss with Mrs. Walker and provide a money bag for funds. Mrs. Hilby set up a new fundraiser called Labels 2 Learn. These labels are found on Gold 'N Plump rotisserie chicken that is sold at Burnstad's. Codes are also found on Little Caesar's Pizza boxes. If anyone collects these labels they may turn them in to the PTSA or register them online at www.labels2learn.com and click on Ithaca Elementary.

Ithaca Foundation Report – None.

Old Business

Thank you: From the Agnes Anderson family (Bob) and the Ithaca HS Baseball boosters for the donation towards the new concession stand.

Thank you to Melissa Sprecher for manning the Elementary School Science Fair snacks! Leftover snacks were given to Mrs. Moser for the MS Rewards program.

Popcorn Machine Guidelines: This will be discussed at a later time. Deanna mentioned that it might be nice if the machine was available for the MS volleyball and basketball games in the community gym as their concessions do not include popcorn.

Mrs. Moser said they are ok on the MS Rewards program funding. The leftover funds will go towards the end of the year skating party.

Mrs. Moser put together the very nice "Welcome to Ithaca" booklets for the visiting 4K students in March. They and the goody bags were very well received. For next year we will want to look into having a printing company print this booklet as it was very time consuming for Mrs. Moser.

Deanna mentioned that she still has 2 tubs of backpacks from the Tools for School supply drive. Jill will email Mrs. Wallace about our supply in case any students need any for next school year.

New Business

Elementary yearbook: Order forms are out and due back to the PTSA mailbox in the office by April 29. Cost this year is still \$13. Yearbooks will be delivered on Monday, June 1. Susan Bloczynski is collecting the order forms and has offered to sort the yearbooks for us. We voted to give Susan two free yearbooks for her elementary children and a gift card from the PTSA for taking on this monumental task. Thank you again Susan!!!

Semester Star Nominations: We received nominations for four high school students. All nominations were highly recommended by their teachers/coaches and will receive an award at the HS Awards banquet on May 15. Mrs. Moser volunteered to present them again this year. Jill will notify Mrs. Wallace so we are included in the program. Jill will also get the certificates to Deanna to sign the day of the Staff Breakfast.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week & Breakfast: We will do another breakfast on Wednesday, May 6. Mrs. Crook said the 14 members of the NHS will help out with it and Deanna will assign food/work to them. Melissa Sprecher has also volunteered to help as well again this year. Others have also volunteered but with the students helping out we have enough people – thank you! Mrs. Palmer will let us use her room before school and during 1st hour for the breakfast – thank you Mrs. Palmer! Deanna has notified Mr. Coenen of the breakfast and will send the invite to Mary Jo in the office and she will see that everyone on staff receives the invite. We decided to give the 3 evening janitorial staff members a \$10 Kwik Trip card as they would not be available to come. Jill mentioned that we could possibly get these through the Foundation and she will look into that. Kari and Jill will work to get an ad in the paper that week as well as on the school website and PTSA/school facebook page.

The last boxtops/milk caps pick up will be May 1. Jill will tally up all the classes to find the winning grade (4K-5) that saved the most labels/caps and will offer those teachers a choice of treat for their students. Jill will have more details at the May meeting.

New microwave: Deanna has purchased a new microwave to replace the one by the bathrooms that broke. She has a 2 year warranty on it so if it breaks within that time frame it will be replaced at no cost to us. Deanna and Pam both mentioned that they need another microwave in the commons as the lines to use them get pretty long during MS and HS lunch time. Deanna will look into purchasing another one. Cost is \$49.95 plus \$4 for the 2 year warranty.

Million Minute Reading Reward: Mrs. Walker had talked to Jill about the PTSA possibly sponsoring a reward for students in grades 4K-6 for reading one million minutes this school year through the Scholastic reading program. She would like us to provide ice cream treats for the students and possibly provide a bounce house with each class having a designated amount of time to play in it. Deanna said she would get the ice cream through the FBLA's Schwan's website fundraiser. Jill will get the date and number of students from Mrs. Walker hopefully by next week and have Mrs. Walker fill out a funds request form. Since the bounce house approval is still pending, no action was taken on that.

Retiring staff members: There are 2 this year. Kari will get gift cards for each.

Meeting times: It was discussed that we need to get more parents/teachers involved in participating in meetings as two officers will be leaving the group in the next few years due to children graduating from school and one is leaving after this spring. We thought maybe we should try having an after school meeting even though half of the officers will not be able to make it. We are also contemplating changing the day of an after school meeting from Monday to Wednesday as no games are scheduled at that time and we would be done when sports practices are over. If you have any feedback as to when would be the best time for you to make it to meetings, please email any officers with your ideas.

The next and last meeting of the 2014-15 school year will be **Monday, May 18 at 6 pm in the Commons.**