

## PTSA Meeting Minutes November 14, 2016

Present: Deanna Louis, Pam Moser, Susan Bloczynski, Jill Plonka

The meeting was called to order by President Deanna Louis.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from last meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Susan stated that we currently have \$19,466.67 in our account but the RR1 bill needs to be paid and that will be around \$9000.

**Ithaca Foundation Report:** There is no foundation update. A meeting will be held November 20 at 5:30 in the Commons.

### Old Business

Raising a Thinking Child: We had enough come to continue the course. There are 4 more classes – 11-21, 11-28, 12-5, 12-12. Deanna delivered the snacks and water to Mrs. Penfield for the rest of the classes.

Parent/Teacher conference meal: Susan purchased subs from Gordy's and as they were considerably less than from Subway she was able to purchase a veggie tray to go with it. We will likely do this again for the Feb. conferences.

RR1 Fundraiser: This fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you to the community for their participation. Thank you to everyone who helped unload and sort as well! Deanna made up a list of things to remember to do next year.

RR1 Prizes: It was decided to reward each high seller per grade 4K-5<sup>th</sup> with a \$10 cash prize. The winning class will receive \$100 to spend as they please. Winning the class contest was Ms. Grassman's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The individual winners are:

4K - Madison Hackl

K - Olivia Blank

1<sup>st</sup> grade tie - Alyssa Olson and Jacob Paasch

2<sup>nd</sup> grade - Kinleigh Frost

3<sup>rd</sup> grade - Hunter Kennedy

4<sup>th</sup> grade - Maggie Gschwind

5<sup>th</sup> grade - Braeden Freestone

Halloween: Deanna served 130 cups of hot chocolate and cider at the Haunted Forest event. The PTSA also provided glow sticks. \$174 and about 50 pounds of food were donated to the Food Pantry. The Halloween candy was well received by the staff.

Rotary Lights: The Elementary classes will be decorating a tree at the lights at Krouskop park this year. Deanna purchased \$75/3 spools of lights and various items Mrs. Steinmetz requested for the ornaments. Two teachers have volunteered to decorate the tree and two others will take it down after the event is over.

Thank yous: PTSA received a thank you from Mr. Klang's Advanced Biology class for helping with the Haunted Forest and from the staff for the Parent/Teacher conferences meal.

## **New Business**

Winter Spiritwear Sale: Deanna got order forms out to the teachers to hand out to students. Susan asked Deanna if we could add items that people have asked for – zip up hoodie, sweat pants, and shorts and she said she would talk to Brett about it. The orders are due in to the office on December 1 with possible delivery around December 15<sup>th</sup> – TBD.

It was decided to move forward with the Kwik Trip scrip card program. More details at the next meeting.

One of our school board members, Mick Huebsch, was injured in a farm accident a couple weeks ago. We voted to provide him and his family with a \$50 gift card to Papa Murphy's to make meal preparations easier for the family. Susan will take care of that along with a get well card.

Mrs. Clary filled out a funds request form for a Kindness project she and Mrs. Wobschall are undertaking with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. She asked for t-shirts with the logo "Kind is the new Cool" on it that the students will wear while presenting their program to the rest of the elementary school. The request was approved. Jill will have Mrs. Clary send t-shirt sizes and what color she needs to Deanna and she will get them ordered from Brett Iverson. We are looking forward to seeing the positive impact of this program!

Spend down account: Jill will talk to Cheryl Richards tomorrow to see if the PTSA would need to spend down our account to be under \$5000 by the end of the calendar year or the school fiscal year so we don't have to pay income taxes.

Susan suggested that sometime in the near future the position of "Yearbook Coordinator" should become a separate officer position from treasurer because it does take a lot of time. Deanna suggested that secretary and treasurer could possibly be combined into one as well. We hope to have more members come to meetings so that we can designate more officer positions in the future.

Chromebook initiative: As the Chromebook project is fully funded this year, it was decided to hold off on our donation until another time and to spend it on more urgent matters.

Playground Improvement Project: Jill asked Deanna what was needed to request money for the playground project on the Funds Request form. She suggested an amount needed, some pictures of what's going to be happening and a long term plan so we know how much to budget for each year and for how many years. Jill mentioned that the committee plans on making a presentation at the January or February meeting.

Jill said that Mrs. Pinkstaff talked to her this morning about sponsoring a Holiday Door Decorating contest. The PTSA would provide judges and prizes and the staff would decorate their classroom/office doors for the month of December to bring holiday cheer to the school. Pam and Susan mentioned that they did this maybe 10 years ago and it was a big hit. Jill will obtain permission from Mr. Coenen and if all is ok, send out an email to all staff next week to inform them about the contest. Hopefully it will become a yearly event. \*\*Update – the High School Student Council is doing this.

Mrs. Moser brought to the PTSA's attention that there was a high school boy in need of some clothing for the winter. Susan gave her the \$77 in cash that she had from funds that Deanna had given her for RR1 popcorn. Officers came up with the rest for a total of \$100. We also

decided to give the boy 2 Bulldog t-shirts and Jill will get them to Mrs. Moser in the morning. Thank you for helping this student, Mrs. Moser.

Christmas treats for teachers: Deanna said she would talk to Ms. Sprecher to see if one of her foods classes wanted to bake cookies/treats for the teachers. Pam mentioned that sometimes all that sweet stuff this time of the year gets to be a lot so Susan suggested purchasing fruit and veggie trays from Gordy's instead. These will be delivered on Wednesday, December 14.

Jill looked at the school calendar and suggested that we schedule the rest of the PTSA meetings for 2017. She checked days in which there were no basketball or baseball/softball games although in the spring things get changed around a lot. All meetings will still be at 5:30 in the Commons:

No December meeting with the exception of a possible short officer meeting during spiritwear pick up mid-December.

Monday, January 23

Monday, February 20

Monday, March 20

Monday, April 10

Wednesday, May 10 (scholarship and Semester Star award selection along with officer elections)

If school is cancelled or released early due to inclement weather on the day of the meeting, the meeting is also cancelled and rescheduling that meeting is up to the discretion of the President.

**Have a Happy Holidays everyone and we'll see you at the next meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Commons!**