

Margaret Black Elementary PTO Meeting October 13th, 2009

Kristine Grabowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present at the meeting were Kristine Grabowski, President; Nicole Bonucchi, Vice President; Emily Hughes, Secretary; Carrie Wyffels, Treasurer; Mrs. Caruso, Principal and Teacher representative Mrs. Pyrek

Parents present were: Lisa Harness, Dave Grabowski, Wendi Kenny, Conni Ring, Jen Terry, and Jason Hughes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report for September was presented
 - Motion to approve budget: Jen Terry
 - Seconded: Lisa Harness
 - Motion passed

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary's report for September was reviewed
 - Motion to approve: Lisa Harness
 - Seconded: Jen Terry
 - Motion passed

Principal's Report:

- MEAP tests started today.
- Veteran's Day is November 11th. There is an assembly that Mrs. Olsholve puts together called "Operation Classroom" to honor our veterans.

Teachers' Representative: Mrs. Pyrek (4th grade)

- Mrs. Pyrek thanks the PTO for the Halloween party.
- She submitted a request for science support materials.
 - They are inquiry based. There is a science court, which poses a problem and they must prove a case through a scientific process.
 - These materials will benefit both 4th and 5th grades.
 - There are three new topics: particles in motion, seasons, and fossils. We currently have two: water and electricity.
 - There are also DVD's to support the science studies, Bill Nye the Science Guy.
 - The total cost before shipping will be \$716.45
 - Jen Terry is going to comparison shop and see if we can find a cheaper price.

Motion to allocate \$250 for these support materials and revisit the funds after the Hallow-a-thon

Motion approved: Conni Ring

Seconded: Lisa Harness

Motion to allocate and revisit remaining dollars approved

Committee Reports:

- **Market Day:** Angie Burton (not present) did very well with over \$200. She could use more volunteers, contact Angie if interested.
- **Box Tops for Education vs Campbell Soup labels:** There is a contest between the two committees.
 - Currently for Campbell Soup labels 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places are Novak, Wetherbee/McNunney, Krajewski.
 - For Box Tops 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places are Krajewski, Novak, and Olsholve. Mrs. Caruso announces the classes at lunch time to get the students fired up. The contest ends on the 30th.
- **Birthday Books:** Patti Wilson (not present) This committee is going well and the children enjoy their books.
- **Public Relations:**
 - Nicole Bonucchi is working on putting our profit share events in the Sentry.
 - Nicole is also trying to get a main news station to cover our Veterans Day Celebration.
 - She left a message with the radio station for our school to do the Pledge of Allegiance on the air.
 - We have our own website. You may contact the board, review committees, review our calendar with our profit share nights, and obtain forms. Thank you to Mr. Richardson for all your hard work.
- **Coats for Kids:** Jennifer Terry is collecting coats of all sizes for charity.
 - This committee is doing great with 65-70 coats so far.
 - Use email and facebook to let friends and family know about this charity. You don't have to attend our school to donate.
 - The last day is the 30th of October.

Old Business:

- **Bond Proposal:** vote on November 3rd
 - There was information provided at the last PTO meeting. Mrs. Caruso started a sign up sheet for volunteers to help Jen Terry with phone calls. Phone calls are being made on behalf of the district to get a feel for how citizens are voting.
 - The bond would give our school a new roof, asphalt sidewalk, new furniture, and updated technology.
- **Spirit Wear:** 189 items were ordered and the pick up has been rescheduled, possibly Monday the 26th.

- **Red Ribbon Week:** October 26th-30th
 - Monday – dress like twins
 - Tuesday – police dogs for assembly – dress in red
 - Wednesday – “picture” yourself drug free
 - Thursday – Team apparel
 - Friday – school spirit
- **Spooktacular Hallow-a-thon** – October 30th
 - Volunteers still needed
 - We can send a reminder for pledges
- **Jet’s Pizza profit share** – our profit was \$250

New Business:

- **Abuelo’s profit share night** is Wednesday October 23rd from 4-9. There is a sign up sheet for the teachers to serve chips and salsa. Sample menus were provided. Make sure to bring flyer to get the profit for our school.
- **Profit share night for November?** Subway was suggested. Watch for a date to be announced.
- **Hobby/Collection Event** – A table event to bring the students together in their hobbies and interest was suggested. Wondering if there is any interest in this event. Looking to do this in January and will possibly do an interest survey.
- **Chairperson for Profit share** - if anyone is interested in finding businesses and restaurants for our monthly profit shares please email the PTO.
- **Market Day Pie Sale** – Market Day is providing an opportunity to sell pies for Thanksgiving. It is a separate sale than the usual Market Day. If we sell anywhere from 1-249 pies the school would profit 1.75 per pie, and the profit increases as the number of pie orders increase.
 - We are tabling this discussion until the next meeting and will look into this as presents for Christmas.
- **Popcorn Day** – is an opportunity provided by the PTO to purchase lunch baggies filled with popcorn (canola oil for the allergies).
 - Motion to approve popcorn day on a trial basis – Wendi Kenny
 - Seconded – Jason Hughes
 - There will be a trial run on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving

Question and Answer:

- BD’s Mongolian is a good fundraiser
- Buffalo Wild Wings has a punch card and could possibly be a profit share

Next meeting will be November 10th

Motion to adjourn: Lisa Harness

Seconded: Wendi Kenny

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:57pm