

#5 PTO Meeting 1.12.16 7:00pm

Welcome and Introductions:

Attendance:

Ingrid L. Martz, Traci Falco (Principal's Representative), Kate Whittaker, Tina Montone, Krista Blaser

PLEASE NOTE THAT SOME REPORTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO UNEXPECTED SNOW AND TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES IN VARIOUS AREAS HINDERING ATTENDANCE.

President's Report:

Family Fun Night - update given by Tina Montone

Prizes and wristbands ordered. Bounce House and Boy Scouts confirmed. Will be in touch with Front Office for maintenance requests. Jen Korman is updating the list of games to reflect Minion theme. Basket Raffle going well. New ideas for teacher-involved baskets discussed: after school time with Miss Salvaterra, Art lesson with Miss Narhgang, Music lesson with Mr. Furbeck, etc.

Read-a-Thon:

Explained R.A.T. to those unfamiliar with the program and then discussed updates made by Stacy Daniels for this year (list on agenda). Primary teachers were concerned that some of the changes would make the R.A.T. prize unachievable to the primary grade children. A variety of thoughtful suggestions were offered and will be passed on to Stacy to review and update. There was also a clarification on the prizes to reflect the webbing of Mr. G if "school wide" goal is met, webbing of teacher and extra recess time "for winning class/grade".

Movie Night:

Hotel Transylvania 2 has been approved by Mr. G as the choice. Wendy Charles to contact Miss Narhgang to have Art Club make posters to advertise in the school. Volunteers needed to help run this event.

Harlem Wizards:

Still in need of some on-site volunteers and the sending in of baked goods for the concession stand. All on-site volunteers will get a free ticket.

School Directory:

Anne Reel has finished this and it has been distributed via email. Reminder given that this directory is for school family use only and not to be shared with area businesses for soliciting purposes.

Taxes:

Returns have been filed and we are in the waiting period to find out if the IRS will change our status from a foundation to a non-profit. This could take upwards of three months.

Gifts to School:

This was on hold until there was a clearer sense of the tax situation. An online voting forum will be created by Amy Benninger to vote on ideas that have been presented for purchase. Carrie Yocum and Jen Korman are getting information on larger lobby sized mats that can be customized with school logo as a possible idea.

PTO Board Nominations:

Reviewed that in order to be nominated for board position someone must have held a past chair position. This will be reviewed at next meeting as well. Nominations for 2016-2017 will be collected in April and voted on in May. Two positions to be filled: Co-president and Treasurer.

Vice-President's Report:

Assembly Update: N.A.

Fundraising Report:

Kate Whittaker looking into "Pledge Star" as a possibility – will present more information in the future. Ideas from those present about selling the Farmer's Almanac (successful at other schools), flowers for Mother's Day.

Treasurer's Report: N.A.

Principal's Report: (Traci Falco as representative)

Mr. G would like the name of the person who will be heading the PSSA snack management this year to coordinate the dates/times etc. The PTO currently does not have someone lined up to chair this – will work on this and get back to Mr. G.

As May Rise/Adjourn – N.A.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2.9.16 at 9:00am