

Wednesday December 6, 2017 3:15-4:15pm in the library at Four Corners:

In attendance today: Jake Toomey (Principal), Sarah Uprichard (PTO secretary), Eliza Cavanaugh (PTO President), Cindy Pease (Officer at Large), Bharati Winston (3rd grade teacher), Jacki Pinger (4th grade teacher), Marguerite Rancourt (4th grade teacher), Anne Naughton (2nd grade teacher), Sarah Furgalack (3rd grade teacher), Melissa Flynn (parent). Unfortunately Christina Gay our PTO Treasurer was not able to be at the meeting.

I Welcome

Eliza opened up the meeting with a discussion question. "Back in my day," Eliza is asking all in attendance something school related that happened when they were in elementary school, how it was different back then verses better now for our kids.

II Principal's Report

December 2017, lots of things are going on. We just got a small grant for new kitchen equipment. The Budget, we have gotten more additional Chromebooks, everyone is gearing up for the Flight Theme! Our Showcase night will be April 6, 2018. Student council will be starting up in January 2018. There is continuous work on next year's Water Theme. Cindy quickly chimed in and announced to all that we are still looking to fill 2 more Fun Friday events for the students. She is asking if and parents or staff in attendance have any good ideas for a Flight-themed Fun Friday. Just a reminder that Fun Friday December event is Mad Science: Up, up and away!

The school is in need of new school signs. The quote for them is \$2900. There is a website Fundly.com where you can donate. We are still thinking about a non-fundraiser, where we send a form home and ask for a donation and specify what our goal is to achieve or get.

A President's Report

With the desired installation timeline for the new signs (ASAP), it does not make sense to conduct a winter fundraiser toward that goal. In November 2017, our produce sale (thanks to Cindy Pease) did well, we made over \$600. We are talking about another produce sale in December before Christmas. Proceeds would be earmarked for the new school signs. Could the staff be part of it and get some to volunteer their time? – a few teachers already agreed to volunteer; who came to this mtg. We are doing very well in \$\$ from fundraisers so far, there is no need for a winter fundraiser for PTO, though we could decide to choose a specific goal and raise funds specifically for that. We are still talking about spring flower bulb sale and a parent asked if we can do a seed sale as well.

B Vice President's Report

Andrea gives us an update about the online communications and primary.com/ income report. Andrea mentioned that things are going well. Some random glitches about the website is with orders.

Jake is trying to see if we (PTO) want to have a small blurb in the newsletter that he sends out. There is an idea about creating a connection between Principal Facebook page and the PTO Facebook page. Andrea agrees to repost/share Jake's posts to generate more traffic at the PTO site.

C Officer At Large Report

Cindy says that the bake sale/photo booth turned out very well! Cindy wants to do a survey for all parents to find out the best timing for Bingo for Books in January and a movie night or other event outside of school hours in February.

D Treasurer's Report

Christina Gay, our treasurer was not able to join us for the mtg today. Fun Friday budget has been tentatively increased to \$4,000 pending a vote.

I Budget check in: Officers will meet and discuss how to propose changing the current budget to reflect the new income numbers. Proposals will be presented for a vote at the next meeting.

There is a request from staff to do a 4th grade teacher/student photo event....TBA

Question of the month will continue back up in January 2018. Our PTO mtg in January is scheduled to be in the evening 1 day after all the students come back from the holiday break. We are voting to forego the Jan 2018 PTO mtg and the vote was unanimous. We will not have a PTO mtg in January, but will continue in February 2018 at 3:15 at Four Corners!

We are thinking of a used book vender instead of World Eye for the spring Book Fair. World Eye books are high quality but really expensive, and out of reach for some families. Christina has committed to contacting Roundabout Books in Greenfield; not yet done as far as we know. A Parent (Melissa Flynn) mentioned that books there are in great condition and cheaper. Book Fair is planned for week of parent teacher conferences on March 29 & 30. Teacher request from Jacki Pinger, she wants to figure out a way to winterize the soccer goals that the fourth grade bought last year. Yes, the PTO will help if necessary. Mrs. Winston have a large tarp that her neighbor was giving away and it might be all that is needed.

Thanks to all who attended. Meeting adjourned at 4:16pm.