

PTS NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2009

Meeting opened at 6:33 pm, called to order by Melissa.

1. Treasurers report delivered and accepted
2. Teacher's report-Mr. Rogers gave a donation to the PTS due to some great fundraising by the 5th and 6th grades. He mentioned using some of the profits for new shrubs around the school.
Thank you 5th and 6th graders!
3. Principal's report-Mr. Whitmore had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- Skate Night-34 students attended, as well as Mr. Rogers. The students loved having a teacher attend! It was suggested that maybe Mr. Whitmore might like to attend as well!
- Halloween Party-Was a great success. Some suggestions for next year mainly pertained to flow of students and ease for the kindergarten class. A suggestion to mark off the kindergarten food court box before they go to the gym because some of them ate twice. A request for more options for children with food allergies. For example cherry or grape drink instead of a tropical mix, which contain kiwi and strawberry. Possibly a buddy system for the K class, or they could come down to the gym towards the end when the lines have gone down-eating in their class room first. A suggestion to have a list of candy donation ideas or just a donation of money so that all the treat bags can be the same. We had a little bit of everything! Also to have the pumpkin ahead of time so the kids could guess the weight and seeds during lunch so the winner could be announced earlier because no one can hear the announcement during the party.
- Movie Nights/Mornings-We would like to plan a movie night at school on Dec. 4th. There will be a note sent home with details. The suggested movie is A Christmas Carol, showing the Muppet version for the younger kids and the older version with George C. Scott for the older kids. We will provide popcorn, a drink and a candy cane. Melissa is also looking into getting a movie morning at the theater with the newest version starring Jim Carrey.
- Still need JA volunteers-K-3rd grades
- Next year's photographer-After much discussion it was voted that we stay with John H. Keel for one more year. Amy Pulchinski is going to talk to him about more options and let him know we are shopping around.
- Spring fundraiser-We were asked by Terry to bring a suggestion for next months meeting. Amy Fuller talked about a fundraiser called Brain Freeze-we all thought it sounded interesting. Amy is getting more information.
- Sweatshirts-All were happy with the sample. Checking to see how the screen print looks on the t-shirts vs. the embroidery on the sweatshirts. We plan on ordering 5 of each style and size. Price is based on order size.

NEW BUSINESS

- The pizza party for meeting the goal of butter braids sales is going to be November 25th at 3:00 for all students.
- 3rd Noon aide explanation-Michelle Krommenakker moved to a new position, Terry is looking at our aide to student ratio and determining if we can make it work with two. If possible it would keep our numbers down compared to other schools and show that we are making an effort to curb expenses.
- Veterans Day flags-Everyone is fine with sharing the cost of shipping the care packages to soldiers over seas no matter what the cost.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences-Subway one night and Arby's roast beef sandwiches the second night. A letter will be sent out for volunteers to bring salad and dessert to round out the meal.
- Book Fair-Tammy Kirk agreed to organize. Still need other volunteers to help out. Mr. Whitmore is thinking of a stunt he can perform to raise extra money-he is open to suggestions!
- Winter Concert-Date set for December 8th at 6:30. Santa will be at school sometime before the concert (we are not sure when) to ease with congestion the night of the event.

SPEAKERS

- Valarie Hess spoke about how we can incorporate Virtues into our school. This was the second of a three presentation which we found very inspiring.

PTS AT WORK

- Donated \$150 for Halloween prizes and candy
- Spent \$76 on snow toys (12 new saucers and 6 brick makers)
- \$68 for Skate Night
- Donated \$15 for the Firefighters who showed off the smoke house.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

- All the volunteers who helped with the hearing and vision screenings
- Everyone who helped make the Halloween party a success

Thank you to all our volunteers-together we can make a difference!!

Next meeting will be Monday December 7th at 6:30...hope to see you there!