

## **PTO Meeting Minutes 09/13/2017**

LynnMarie Shedlock called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

LynnMarie Shedlock introduced the PTO officers, herself as president, Shannon Underhill as Vice President, Cheryl Koval as secretary and Jill King as treasurer. Next school year, the president, vice president and treasurer positions will be available.

Mrs. Young introduced the staff that was present. Mrs. Kim Stevens, new director of student affairs, Jen Smith, Lori Mikielski, Joan Richie, Vanessa Harry, Jackie Yusko and Mary Kasper

**Treasurers report-** Jill King , no beginning balance, one deposit from end of school year from book fair, \$3373.00. Numerous checks sent out for Spring fest, field trips, box tops, and yearbooks. The ending balance is \$23,924.24.

### **Committee Reports**

**Spring fest-**Promise Koretz explained what Spring fest is all about. It is a fun end of the year festival. There is a presentation in the am and then fun activities in the afternoon. Last year was a bird presentation and the activities included, face painting, dunk tank, refreshments etc. Anyone interested in volunteering for this event who hasn't signed up on the signup sheet can contact Promise Koretz. About 50-70 volunteers are needed for the event and will need their clearances on file. It will be on the last full day of school, Thursday May 31, 2018.

**Box Tops-**LynnMarie Shedlock gave the report for Robin Kutney. Each classroom collects box tops from food, cereal boxes and various household items. The school gets paid for the collections. There is contests for each classroom twice a year for the class with the highest box top collection.. Last school year we received about \$1500.00 from the collection.

**All Pro Dad Breakfast-** Jeff Scullion gave the report. It is held on the last Thursday of each month from 730-800am in the dining hall. The program is designated for kids to come and have breakfast before school with their dad, mom, aunts, uncles, grandparents, mentors or any important figure in the child's life. It is a free breakfast provided by the school. There is a theme, mini videos and each breakfast ends with a raffle. You do not need to join, you can come once, twice or to as many as you would like to. We do ask you to sign up ahead of time. Jeff will post a message on the schools Facebook page and an email reminder will be sent out the week of. This will be the 8<sup>th</sup> year for the All Pro Dad Breakfast. Last year was the biggest year and averaged about 70 people per breakfast. You do need to bring your child with you, not get them from the bus as it arrives. The first breakfast this year will be held on Thursday Sept 28<sup>th</sup>. Please park in visitor lots, not staff parking. Contact [jscullion@gmail.com](mailto:jscullion@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

**Gertrude Hawk-** Stacey Salsavage gave the report. Brochures have been sent home with all the students, if you have not received them, have the kids check their mailbox or locker. There will be web ordering again and if you are having any trouble online you would have to contact the Gertrude Hawk support line. The info is on the brochure. The due date is Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> and check and money orders are the only payments accepted. No cash. Committee will need help Thursday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, half day of school, from 12-7pm. The PTO provides gift card prizes to the top seller in the school and each classroom. Any questions, please contact Stacy Salsavage.

**Book Fair**-Jackie Lamonica gave the report. The book fair starts Monday Sept 18th thru Friday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. A lot of volunteers are needed. The book fair will also be open Thursday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-730pm during Math Night. They are looking for 4 parents to help out that night also. Contact Jackie Lamonica with any questions.

**Santas Workshop**- April Cronauer gave the report. All items are purchased from the Dollar Tree and set up the night before. Volunteers are needed to help set up and help the kids shop for their presents. It will be held on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup>. Any questions, please contact April.

**Night at the Races**- Kim Pugliese gave the report. Many volunteers needed for one of the biggest fundraisers for the school. You do not need clearances on file to help. We ask each family to sell 5 horses. There are a few different inside committees- Kitchen/Food, Baskets, Raffles, etc. Event will be held on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Feel free to contact Kim Pugliese or Cheryl Koval.

All committee leaders will receive an emailed copy of the signups.

### **Clearances**

Any parent volunteering at the school for any event needs to have the background check and child abuse clearance on file. These clearances are free. If you live outside of Pennsylvania in the last 10 years, you will need to obtain an FBI clearance and it is not free.

All clearances are kept on file for 5 years. When your clearances are up, Rosanne Hartwigsen will contact you.

Question- Do we send the clearances into the school when we apply or send them in once they are received? Once received make yourself a copy and send them into the school.

**PTO buyout**- If you do not wish to participate in any fundraisers, there is a form on the school website and it will be posted on the school Facebook page to opt out. The cost is \$60.00

**Homeroom Parents**- Assist teachers in classroom parties, ex. Halloween, Christmas, and End of Year, Teacher Appreciation. We will also have Homeroom assistants this year, to help the Homeroom Mom.

Sign-ups for Homeroom mom are on the tables along with a sign up for classroom helpers.

Homeroom Mom and Assistants will be posted on the school website shortly.

**Cub Scout Sign Ups**-Katie Mercado provided information about cub scout sign ups being held on Thursday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 630pm at the school. They are looking for Tigers(first graders) and Lions(kindergarten). They do a lot of fun activates like flying airplanes and touring the Frances Walter Dam. Sign-ups are \$8.00 and your son gets a fishing pole. You do not need to attend BCCCS to belong,

we accept kids from any school district. Please contact Denise Abrams or Katie Mercardo for further info.

### **Administration Report, Mrs. Young**

**Introduction** of Mrs Kim Stevens, the new director of student affairs. She is very excited to be here and what a great turnout for our first PTO meeting.

**Fourth Grade** will be going on their field trip this year on Thursday Oct 5<sup>th</sup> to the Renaissance Fair. We are sending notices home to all parents for volunteers to chaperone this field trip. Please send papers back by Friday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> and you will know on Monday Sept 25<sup>th</sup> if you are chosen.

**Field Trip Chaperones**- Chaperones are picked based on volunteer hours. 18 hours will get you into the drawing and every additional 10 hours will get your name in again. All chaperones need clearances at school.

**Earth fest** is Friday Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and if your child did not get their shirt sent home today, they will get it Thursday.

**Halloween activities**- Parade will be held in the gym at 845am and classroom parties following on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. You do not need your clearances for the parade. Goodies for the class parties can be dropped off in the gym that morning.

**Trunk or Treat** will be held in the bus loop this year on Fri Oct 27<sup>th</sup> from 530-630pm. We are looking for 20 people to decorate their car/trunks and prizes will given.

**Halloween Dance** for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be following the trunk or treat.

**Blue shirt day** will be Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>, for bully prevention.

**Picture Day**, has been changed to Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for 6 volunteers, Please contact Kim Stevens.

**Math Night** will be held on Thursday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> from 6-730pm for each grade k-6. They will be going over different math concepts on how the students are taught them. Each grade level will be a different activity. Each session will last 20 minutes long. Gift cards will be given away also. A night where you can learn and ask questions, be the student, in a safe environment.

**All Pro Dads** breakfast is Sept 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Stoddard won the teachers drawing, 50/50 was 68.00. Gift cards from Red Leaf, Pier One, Sunway, Red Robin and Bath and Body Works.

**Teachers drawing**-Britiany Whites 1b, Mrs Stoddard, classroom prize

Next Meeting, Wed Oct 13

