

PTO meeting: December 10, 2015-teacher's lounge:

Meeting called to order at 9:10am.

Attendees: Maria Broerman, Tara Coakley, Nicole Eull, Jesse Graves, Anne Hardy, Ellen Laubausch, Katy Matola, Spencer Mayhew, Milly Plavsic, Melissa Ruesch, Sara Schedler, Ann Schuelke, Kate Strebic, Katie Tendick, Jennifer Wendelborn.

Welcome comments: Tara Coakley

Boosterthon Update: planned for week of May 11, 2016. Interactive video with other children around the world focusing on how they take care of their health. The kids will get pledges and run a maximum of 35 laps raising money with each lap. Very exciting new program for fundraising while focusing on fitness.

Stuff the bus: Tonawanda keeps the trophy! A fun way to donate food for the holidays.

Thank you's: Trish Hansen-meal for the teachers during conferences was greatly appreciated. Maria Broerman for her work with the directory and Maria's work for the Holiday Make and Take. Lisa Elliott- for her work during Make and Take as well. Sarah Schedler-Collective coffee.

Library renovation: Shelves and furniture to be installed during winter break.

Grant request: Jesse Graves-in combination with Karen Lampe would like approximately \$400 to fund an About Me Portraits project with photographer Barbara Minor. This pilot project unites children through art and writing. It bridges different schools (Milwaukee-based school and ours.) The children get a portrait taken and write a letter. Displays of the photos could be done later at the art fair.

Model UN: Amina Ahmed is spearheading this new activity.

Treasurer's Report: Milly Plavsic:

Reviewed ledger; operating expenses per school year approximately \$21,000 with current programs and events. Teacher grants have been accounted for. To date approximately \$20,500 in checking account. We have approved \$4500 is teacher grants.

We owe the district approximately \$13,000 for library balance.

Teacher Liaison: Kate Strebic:

Discussed best way to add to teacher libraries, either thru Scholastic selections or dollars or even Amazon. Introduced the idea of Souper Bowl to be open to school. Kids donate soup cans

and choose a team playing in the super bowl to put their cans behind. First grade tally the cans, but the school participates in playing and donating the soup.

Committee reports:

1. Auction: Spencer discussed concerns over our tax identification and filing status for collecting donations. Tara will verify and let Spencer know. Looking for volunteers for all kinds of activities. Donate as little or as much time as you can.
2. Book Fair: would like to be later in the year, versus during second conference time, trying to get more sales.
3. Battle of the books: February 25th
4. Collective fundraiser wrap up: \$1832 raised!
5. Geography Bee: Traveling Tonawanda tiger. At least 6 participants at this time.
6. Holiday Make and Take wrap up-again big thanks to Maria and Lisa. Next year suggestion was selling tickets for food purchases.
7. Staff Appreciation Meals Wrap-Up: another thank you to Trish Hanson. Teachers really appreciated the clean copy room and lounge along with the food!

New Business:

Halloween dance-kids wear costumes. Tara/Ann motion to approve. Approved with a budget line for \$400 for next year.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39.