

Tonawanda PTO minutes: Room 112-February 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:02am.

Attendees: Linda Atkinson, Lisa Becker, Maria Broerman, Tara Coakley, Nicole Eull, Brooke Fadeski, Anne Hardy, Katy Matola, Spencer Mayhew, Kristin Olson, Melissa Ruesch, Sara Schedler, Ann Schuelke, Kate Strebog.

Motion to approve January minutes-approved.

Teacher Liaison: Kate Strebog:

- Thank you from teachers for auction invite. PTO appreciates their donation of their personal time and talents towards the auction.
- Thank you from teachers for library renovation.
- Firm Scholastic dollars not ready yet, but the teachers would like split the book fair profits between the grades.

Treasurer's Report:

- Mille distributed the ledger. Dine-outs equaling approximately \$1100 to date.
- Auction breakdown was discussed. Spencer added a few clarifications to the numbers thus far and it appears the auction will net about \$24,000.
- Teacher grants have gone over budget. Originally thought to be about \$638, but it most likely is much less than that.

Principal's Report: Kristin Olson:

- Thank you for auction fun. Great time had by all!
- 100 days of school/101 days of school this week...kindergarten parade.
- School store opens today. 25 and 50 cent items sold at lunch to raise money for playground.
- Gordon Korman field trip today for 4th and 5th grade.
- Fifth grade-visited Pilgrim Park for intro to middle school.
- Geography Bee-in full swing. Went 11 rounds with Travis Marquart and Miranda. More geography fun this year with different activities.
- Model UN with Amina Ahmed in full swing. 13 kids with a field trip to UWM for model UN conference on March 18 or 19.
- No school on 2/15. Teacher instructional day.

President's Report: Ann Schuelke

- Parent Network Update: Mental health emphasis, especially with recent tragedies. There is a link on the district website to the board meeting discussing meeting the mental needs of kids.
- Redistricting Task Force Info: deadline is tomorrow for Swanson/Burleigh committee. Would like volunteers from each school. No decision have been made on redistricting. Focusing on being least disruptive for existing families. Good news for all is that enrollment is increasing. District is fiscally stable. For now Swanson is expanding their gym and cafeteria.
- Monday movies. I.e. Race to Nowhere. Looking into showing these valuable movies here for parents.
- Boosterathon: May 10th. 10 day ramp-up to fun run. Theme is recess around the world.

#### Committee Reports:

- Auction wrap-up: Spencer: Still waiting on final number from Westmoor and Gesture. Next year we will use Gesture again for the auction. Anticipated take away from the auction is \$24,000. 131 attendees.
- Battle of the Books: First battle-February 19th.
- Blood Drive: March 15th late afternoon.
- Fourth grade square dance: Planning stage with Macee Wilbur
- Geography Bee: Wrapped up with Travis Marquart and Miranda winners.
- High Interest Day: Ellen Laubaush and Jen Armbruster. Date to be determined. Kristin helping look into better day since the original date of May 6th will not work with new kindergarteners visiting that day. Ellen requested a budget line increase for this day. Looking into a full or half day. Moving towards a more sponsored day, less parent volunteers for session instruction. Still would like/need parent volunteers to help that day. Motion approved to increase budget line to \$2000.
- Literacy Week: February 29th through March 4. Fifth graders will be serving. Additional Dr. Seuss books will be bought with live auction request money. The books will stay the property of the PTO.
- Little Sweethearts Dance: Tonight!!! Pink galore!
- Model UN update: currently researching countries and their import and exports. Mrs. Mildren and Mrs. Peterson helping out and Mrs. Strebog will also be involved. Will watch a US diplomat interview and UN simulation.
- Science Fair: April 7th. Available for all students.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52.