

## **PTO Meeting Minutes 1-13-15**

Ashley called meeting to order at 6:30pm

Minutes from last meeting were passed out. Holli Podgorny approved and Betsy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

**Principle Report:** Mr. Hilton was there and thanked all the PTO for their hard work. He also thanked everyone for helping out with all the snow days.

### **Officers Report:**

**President:** (Ashley) Carnival is coming along great with all the different committees. Just had a Carnival meeting before PTO meeting tonight. We need to start thinking about the Board for next year. We have the Treasurer and Director of Spring and Fall Activities open. We would like to change the Director of Spring/Fall to maybe Board Liaison to not scare anyone off with the title. Treasurer is a big position that will need to be taken over as well. Jen will start on the Marketing of this via newsletter and facebook. Ashley thought that sometime at the Carnival we could get a fun picture taken at the Pirate Photo Booth to show the fun we have as a group to use in marketing.

**Treasurer:** Holli talked about Dec being a slow month for us. The proceeds for the book fair (after giving money back to Scholastics) was about \$2,000. This will go back to the Media Center for keeping the tablets, nooks and books up to date. (along with other items Mrs. Cleary sees fit). Carnival has up to date spent \$947 and has brought in \$580 in donations. We have a ton of things for the Silent Auction so we are in good shape. Also for the first time the PTO was able to sponsor 50% of the 4<sup>th</sup> grade pioneer program.

**Director of Parent Activities:** Jessica Esslinger. Working on the Valentines Day Party with Room Parents. 4<sup>th</sup> grade was very challenging for the Holiday Party with getting parents to show up. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade have group parties which should make things easier on the parents but parents are not showing up. This is trend not just with 4<sup>th</sup> grade but all grades. Having a hard time getting parents to commit and then show up for their activity. We had talked about maybe having to cancel parties all together but we don't want to punish the children. An idea that was brought to the table was instead of having one room parent we have a sign up sheet at the beginning of the year and parents can sign up for one party or activity instead of having the room parent do everything. Still would like to have a room parent to collect funds and help with organizing things but maybe this will help with the burden of having to do it all (and having other show up to help).

### **Committee Reports:**

**Ambassador:** Several new families joined Maple Glen and Kelley has done great getting info to them.

**Apparel:** Logo Shop said they would lend us different clothing (wouldn't say Maple Glen) and we could sell at the parties/activities. They would then take back what we don't sell.

**Back to School Kits:** March 12<sup>th</sup> is Kindergarten Registration and we should have order forms and kits ready to sell.

**Family Reading Night:** This was a great event and everyone did an awesome job!

**Hospitality:** Beth is having a really hard time getting parents to help out. She is doing this on her own or with just a few people helping out - it is a lot of work and responsibility on her. Instead of doing monthly lunches and teacher treats we are going to change to quarterly. We also talked about trying to redo the Teachers Lounge to make it more appealing!

**Movie Nights:** Need a couple more volunteers for the upcoming 4<sup>th</sup> grade movie night.

**No Cook Night:** Heather has stepped down from this position. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we have the new McDonalds on 32. They are donating 10% of all their proceeds from 5-8pm. Dominos is in Feb. March we are working on a trio of BoomBazz, Kit Kaboodle and GG Cupcakes and April Blaze Pizza.

**Shamrock Club:** Act of kindness week coming up.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Aileen and Betsy working hard on getting the Sign up Genius out for Winter Carnival.