

PTO Meeting Minutes 2-17-15

Ashley called meeting to order at 6:30pm

Minutes from last meeting were passed out. Shannon approved the minutes.

Principle Report: Dr. Montalone was there. He commended the PTO and volunteers for an awesome carnival. He said the flow was great, loved seeing the parents engaging and kids having a blast.

He also mentioned that ISTEP is coming up and as a school we are downplaying it to keep the kids as calm and relaxed as possible. He is certain as a school we will be fine.

Math Bowl is next Thursday. Last bowl had over 1,000 people and the kids are a great team. Fun to see them so excited.

Heartland Growers helped tremendously with outdoor lab. Dr. Montalone has been meeting with them and they are donating a greenhouse. He met with them last week and they put this greenhouse up so he could see it. It is so cool! We will double the size of the garden next year.

Officers Report:

President: (Ashley) Everyone did an awesome job on the Carnival. Next year we would like to get 10-20 volunteers for acquisitions. Each class also to make their own basket (instead of grades). We are also looking for 2 Director At Large Position for next year. These people will be liaisons to take over what is needed at that time.

Next PTO meeting will be a Pizza Night to try to get more people interested in joining the PTO. We will then vote on positions in April.

Treasurer: Holli Podgorny. January was a quiet month. Carnival so far has raised around \$14,500 Concessions raised around \$3000 which will go back to the grade teachers. This was up \$1000 from last year and they also added All Aboard and Kindergarten this year. We are running great on Budget right now.

Director of Parent Activities: Jessica Esslinger. Valentine Parties went really well. The parent volunteers worked great with helping out the parties and the 4th grade party went way better this year. Teacher Appreciation is coming up in May. We will get info out to the parents soon.

Committee Reports:

After School Enrichment – Starting enrichment next week. About \$12,000 going back to teachers.

Ambassador: Kelley Chapman Kindergarten Registration coming up. Working to make this more exciting – using photo boards, giving out notebooks, pencils and selling shirts.

Lots of new students came in after holiday break.

Apparel: Making a new committee for “Events Apparel”. Also teachers wanted a Westfield shirt like the Carnival PTO shirts so Ashley is making some to sell.

Back to School Kits: Selling the month of March. We get a 4% discount for using their first buying period. We will make the cut off before Spring Break.

Hospitality: The hospitality room for the Winter Carnival was nice to have.

Kroger Scripts: Program has changed and now you can link your plus member card to our school. Very easy to do!

Movie Nights: Kind/1st grade movie night is Friday.

No Cook Night: Dominos is the next No Cook Night. March 25th is BoomBoz, GG and Kit and Kaboodles. We will get 15% back from these sales.

Westfield Schools are having a competition between schools at City BBQ between March 31st and April 1st. We will be participating in this.

Shamrock Club: Trying to get IA's to play up this program more.

Showcase: PTO now has their own bulletin board by the PTO Room. Please put up any info that you might have.

Staff Appreciation: This year we are going to do Academy Awards theme for Teacher Appreciation Week. Thinking about different things to do this year instead of normal gifts we give. One idea is to have room parents get their parents to as a class prepare a pre-made dinner to give to your teacher. Also throughout the week we will try to have different restaurants deliver for lunches and breakfast.

The Décor will be Academy Awards themed – with possibly a wall of theme.