

PTO May Minutes

5/21/12

Reports

- Secretary & Treasurer's reports accepted.

Questions: Will teacher budget stay the same? (Luce) Answer: Probably. See the notice on the Treasurer's report.

Fundraisers

Labels - keep collecting them! Cut them out or tear them neatly. Next year we'll bring them to meetings to share the work.

Carnival

- Couldn't have done it without those who helped. Some no-shows among the high school and parent volunteers, but all of the teachers who signed up were there. There was a great turn out. With 20 games, the lines were shorter. Great weather too! For next year:
 - Look at the timing of events/activities - facepainting should be *after* inflatables, and could take place during take-down.
 - Order less food - by 6pm, most people have eaten already.
 - Don't order more prizes - we have plenty left.

Lugnuts

Good weather, late game (10:30p). 60-70 people enjoyed the fireworks, food and fun!

Website

- Website - A website has been set up for AEPTO (<http://aepto.weebly.com>). We are pretty short on pictures, so please send some to aepto@kjkdesign.com. Comments and suggestions are welcome!

Suggestions for the Coming Year

- John Case has suggested a walkathon as a potential new fundraiser. The 5th grade made \$1100 with their self-run event. The idea will be presented at the first meeting this fall. Who will volunteer to organize it?
- PTO poster sign ups during Open house. Can include H2O bottle sales, and also a laptop to show our website. Pine has wi-fi...

Executive Board

- We are looking for new board members, as some of the current ones' children are beginning to leave elementary school...
For V.P. - Mike Mazurik; Fundraising Coordinator - Teresa Parks; Fundraising Assistant - Laura Ash; Bookfair - ?; Carnival - ?

Upcoming Events

Luce	5/22	1st Grade to Pine River Recreation Center in Elm Hall. Trails, nature stations. Last day of preschool
	5/23	Queen of Scots Court visit Kindergarten to Saginaw Children's Museum
Hillcrest	5/9	Blood drive cancelled 3rd grade went to Impressions 5 in Lansing - Light workshop has been updated. Great trip. 2nd grade took Trolley tour with Mrs. Caroll giving students a history overview of Alma. Fine Arts Day (date?) was a great success. Laura Hirshman and Art Faustman organized the event.
	5/22	Queen of Scots Court Visit
	5/22 & 23	Reader's Theatre performed for 2nd grade 5/22; 3rd grade on 5/23
	6/4&5	Field Days
Pine	5/24	Field and Career Day
	6/4	Egg Toss (all school) Grand Rapids John Ball Zoo Van Andel Space Museum - a great experience, thank you! AHS Robotics Club demonstration - they were great! AHS Chemistry Club demonstration - also great!

Community Events

5/23	PetPalooza at Alma College (date?) 4:30-6pm; walk with or without pets; balloon animals Planetarium show at Alma College 6-8:30pm. For 2nd-6th graders Everyone Together was a great event, despite the weather. Hanna Arns was featured in the Morning Sun.
6/4	5k run at 8:45am at Alma College. You can run for free on Case's team! 19 parents and 54kids so far...

PTO board meeting is on July 18th at 6:30 p.m. Stephanie Leppien's house (3239 W. Harrison, RSVP 466-2073).

Teachers, please look at the budget and make your recommendations for the coming year!