

AEPTO Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2014

In Attendance (17):

Executive Officers: Mike Mazurek, Jeff Turk, Laura Ash

Committee Chairs: Teresa Parks, Mandy Sanders

Luce Road ECLC Representatives: Sue Beattie, Donnalynn Ingersoll, Judy Zehner

Pine Avenue Elementary Representatives: Kim June

Hillcrest Elementary Representatives: Karly Grant, Kari Bell, Kathleen Cranna

Parents: Kim Turk, Jennifer DeLeon, Sheryle Dixon, Bobbie Mazurek, Debbie Thomas

I Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm.

II Officer Reports

President's Report (presented by Mike Mazurek): Schools must present their 2014-2015 budget requests to PTO by next meeting in preparation for the August budgetary meeting.

Secretary's Report (presented by Jeff Turk): The minutes from the March 17, 2014 PTO meeting were circulated, reviewed and approved by motion (after correcting number of attendees from 13 to 17).

Treasurer's Report (presented by Laura Ash): Pine Ave. book fair is complete and chosen profit was cash option (\$1300) - to be added into budget line item 315 (Reserved Library/Media).

PTO cash found by Sara Bonacci (treasurer 2013-2014) - \$891.98 in cash deposited into PTO account (placed into September fundraising).

A line item or two should be added to next year's budget for activities (as substitution for Paleo Joe) at Hillcrest Elementary School. This year, funds will be drawn from general assembly. In prior years, Hillcrest has drawn funds to support Flying Aces (this year on May 16th @ His Place - cost \$425) - will be requesting new line item on budget.

III Fundraising and Committee Chair Reports

Fundraising Chair (presented by Teresa Parks): Limo rides complete - rode to Burger King. Although there were enough volunteers to staff the rides, this came at the last minute and the Chair expressed concern about parent involvement. A few ideas were discussed, including paying for a staff member/paraprofessional, however there was

consensus that the solution is increased parent involvement - and that next year's Board must make this a priority.

The schools qualify for a \$1000 grant to purchase school supplies - offered through Club's Choice. Spend \$1000 in school supplies, and they will match with \$1000.

Book Fair Chair (presented by Jeff Turk (Stephanie Leppien, *in absentia*)): Pine Ave. sales were fantastic - partially because of the RIF money from PTO. Each student was given \$3.40 to spend at the fair as their RIF. Some students were able to get a free book with that, and others applied the \$ to their total bill. Thank you to the PTO for that gift! All Pine Ave. students benefited from that.

Total sales were \$5891.33 (not including sales tax that we paid). Pine's librarian chose the cash profit option which was \$1300 - deposited into her PTO line.

Art Reach/Carnival Chair (presented by Jeff Turk (Errin Thompson, *in absentia*)): Passing around sign up sheet for Carnival volunteers! Also, still waiting to receive back the Teacher sign up sheet from Luce Rd.

Non-Sales Fundraising Chair (presented by Mandy Sanders): Just finished week one of a two-week Box Tops collection campaign (competition) at Luce and Pine. Luce and Hillcrest have so far collected \$144 and \$140, respectively.

IV Grade Level Representatives

Luce: Julie Austin is coming May 19th (5-6pm) - this is on the same day as the PTO meeting. Donnalynn will check to see if the High School is available for the May 19th PTO meeting. First grade field trip to Pine River Recreation on the 29th of May is being partially funded by PTO. Farm day is currently being planned.

Hillcrest: Planning another Box Tops collection contest at the end of May (reminder, to count for THIS year, Box Tops submissions must be post marked by June 1st). Third grade Forest Hill Nature Center field trip is this week at Impressions 5 is at the end of May. Second grade Flying Aces is on the 16th of May. Consumers Energy and Firstbank will be coming to the school (at no cost), to educate and raise awareness.

Pine: Tomorrow is the Arbor day assembly. Students have been working with chemistry students at the High School. 7th of May - Aces day - all children exercising simultaneously. May 5th, four week swim program begins; May 9th, mobile dentist comes to school; May 19th, Forest Hill Nature Center field trip; May 30th, career and fun fitness day; June 3rd, John Ball zoo; June 9th, Pine Pride 5K run (begins @ 9-ish at Alma College).

V Old Business

Reminder: PTO Today conference in Novi is April 29th.

Lug Nuts is May 16th - so far 45 people are attending - bill is paid.

VI New Business

Current nominations (vote during May 19th meeting) for President: Jeff Turk; Secretary: Debbie Thomas; Treasurer: Laura Ash.

Some discussion was had on increasing parent involvement, and there was consensus that the next PTO should make this a priority. Ideas for increasing involvement at meetings included use of "PTO Today" stickers and bringing back door prizes. Personal invitations were also mentioned as an excellent means to increase attendance. Donnalynn reported that in prior years, moving PTO meeting to an earlier time did not seem to affect parent involvement at meetings. Maybe a survey of parents would be helpful - What are the parents looking for in the PTO or in a PTO meeting? Do you know what the PTO pays for?

VII Announcements/Community Events

Any young men interested in cub scouts (K through 4th grade), please contact Mike Mazurek (mike@mazurekfamily.net)

Girls on the run 5K is on May 17th, and is open to the public. This year's 5K is in Ithaca (ask Bobbie Mazurek for additional information)

On May 6th, Millage vote to renew schools operating budgets - get out and vote!

The next PTO meeting will be on May 19th, currently scheduled at Hillcrest Elementary - however since Julie Austin is performing at the H.S. from 5-6pm, we will check to see if the H.S. is available for our 6:30 meeting on that day.

IX Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.