

AEPTO Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2014

In Attendance (20):

Executive Officers: Jeff Turk, Debbie Thomas

Committee Chairs: Teresa Parks, Mandy Sanders

Luce Road ECLC Representatives: Michelle Kelly, LouAnne Tucker,

Pine Avenue Elementary Representatives: Kim June

Hillcrest Elementary Representatives: Mary Kay Yonker, Kathleen Cranna, Linda Patton, Jana Hanson, Theresa Richter

Parents: Jennifer DeLeon, Stephanie Hernandez, Christina Stetson, Jim Misener, Helen Misener, Jennifer Wilson, Stephany Slaughter, Branden Sanders

I Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

The minutes from the September 15 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Kathleen Cranna moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jennifer DeLeon. Motion approved unanimously.

II Officer Reports

President's Report (presented by Jeff Turk): No report.

Treasurer's Report (presented by Jeff in Laura's absence): Jeff presented the up-to-date budget. The second grade trip to Chippewa went well and was over budget by just \$37. The deposit for the Hillcrest Fundraiser was \$3,000. A big thank you to teachers who have turned in requests on the new form.

III Fundraising and Committee Chair Reports

Fundraising Chair: (presented by Teresa Parks)—The Hillcrest pick up for the recent fundraiser went smoothly. Four people assisted with the distribution. The next fundraiser pick-up will be held at Luce Rd. school on Nov. 13 from 3:15-7:15 p.m. Child care is available for volunteers. Frankenmuth fundraising is merging with another company called Kleinham. There have been some transition issues with coordinating prizes. The total of the products sold was \$5,000. We receive 40-50% of the profit.

Non-Sales Fundraising Chair (presented by Mandy Sanders): There are three contests going on now for box tops. Pine Ave received \$384, Hillcrest received \$471.60, and Luce Rd. received \$511.30, for a total of \$1,366.90. The total submitted up to this point is \$900. Everything will be submitted by Nov. 1. Each school will receive 1,250

points that can transfer to a pre-paid VISA card. Mandy is working to get a quote on trophies that would travel from one class to another as an incentive for participation. Also, at a recent Mom to Mom sale, they collected over 200 pairs of shoes and have given them to the new Shoe Recycling program in the schools. This is a great team effort! Two full boxes have been shipped and we receive checks from this effort on monthly basis.

Art Reach/Carnival Chair : (presented by Jeff in Errin's absence) **Art Reach**: The second docent training has occurred and now most of the classrooms are covered with an Art Reach volunteer. **Carnival**: Frankenmuth fundraising is no longer able to support the prizes or the inflatables. Insurance will not cover the children while they are bouncing. We are still looking for ideas of what to do and will focus on it at the next meeting.

Book Fair Chair. (presented by Jeff in Jessica's absence): The Hillcrest book fair will be held Nov. 18-21. Jessica will contact volunteers.

New Business: (presented by Jeff Turk)—

1. Should PTO provide “teacher funds” for special ed classrooms, title and other “specials?” This question was discussed at the previous meeting. The three principals met last week and are recommending to the PTO that the teacher funds should go to support all teachers, including the ones listed above, since all teachers put money into their classrooms. Discussion followed. Motion made by Mary Kay Yonker to fund the following teachers each year at the teacher rate (currently \$100):

Three Title 1 teachers (Ringle, Cole/Bush, Hohlbein), Three RESD teachers (Little, Barragato, Chase), and Four “Special” Teachers (PE—Dittmer, Tomanek, Music—Dewitt and Salisbury). Total: *10 teachers, *\$1,000 for this year. The motion was supported and approved unanimously. **Secretary correction: in the meeting, the total voted upon was \$1200 to fund 12 teachers, but in final editing, she realized two teachers were counted twice. Ten additional teachers is the correct number.*

2. Removal of RIF line item from Hillcrest budget: Tabled until next month.
3. 5k run T-shirts—The cost for the T-shirts is \$2600. This will be covered by the PTO budget, so there is no need for corporate sponsorship.
4. Fun Run—This is a new event for all students at Luce Rd. and Hillcrest. It will be held in the spring. Right now, the initial date is April 21 or April 23 as the rain date. Luce Rd. will hold the Fun Run in the morning and Hillcrest will hold the same event in the afternoon. Three weeks prior to the event, there will be an assembly at the schools where students will be introduced to the prizes and incentives. They will go home with a letter to the parents and an envelope for money. Jeff was able to secure 800 pledge packets. He put together a spreadsheet with some projections of funds that could be

raised through this event, anywhere from \$10,750 to \$47,830. Students can create their own websites. Sponsors in the community are giving donations and will get an advertisement on the Fun Run website. The dates may need to be changed due to Spring break being the first week of April when the assembly should be held.

5. Other new business: Hillcrest and Luce Rd has had the “Rooftop Reindeer” come to school, but it has been dropped in the last couple of years. What happened? Typically the PTO plans this event. Jeff will contact the reindeer company and see if they are still available to come this year. It has been three years since the last visit, since the reindeer couldn’t come the last time.

School Reports:

Luce Rd— A great big thank you for the Science Alive program.

Hillcrest— Science Night will be held next week, October 30. Title I Parent Night coming up.

Pine Ave.—Students were able to see a dance performance at Alma College, participate in Game Night and Forensics from the High School

Announcements: The Alma Fall Festival will be held October 23. A Spanish story time is held each Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Alma Public Library. All are welcome. Stephany is also willing to read Spanish books for classrooms in schools, if anyone is interested.

The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, November 17 at 6:30 p.m. Location: Pine Ave. Elementary.

IX Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.