

AEPTO Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2014

In Attendance (12):

Executive Officers: Debbie Thomas

Committee Chairs: Errin Thompson, Mandy Sanders

Luce Road ECLC Representatives: Sara Evitts

Pine Avenue Elementary Representatives: Heidi Kolb, Marcus Hillborg

Hillcrest Elementary Representatives: Jill Sandro, Denise Carroll

Student Teacher: Cody Nevins

Parents: Jennifer DeLeon, Jason DeLeon, Branden Sanders, Jennifer Wilson

I Call To Order:

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

The minutes from the October 20 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Jennifer DeLeon moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Heidi Kolb. Motion approved unanimously.

II Officer Reports

President's Report (presented by Debbie in Jeff's absence): Jeff is in the hospital today. He asked Debbie to chair the meeting in his absence.

Treasurer's Report (presented by Debbie in Laura's absence): Debbie presented the up-to-date budget. There were no questions.

III Fundraising and Committee Chair Reports

Fundraising Chair: (presented by Debbie in Teresa's absence)—Volunteers are needed for the next fundraiser pick-up to be held on December 9 from 3:15-6:00 p.m. Childcare will be available for volunteers. The profit from the Luce Rd. fundraiser was approximately \$5,000.

Non-Sales Fundraising Chair (presented by Mandy Sanders): There have been three submissions by Mandy and her team in the last month. Labels for Education totaled 2300 points. For the Sunny D program, the prize is 20 free books for a classroom. We have enough to provide for three classrooms. Mandy brought slips of paper with each teacher's name at each school. The teachers representing that school at the meeting drew to see which teacher would receive the free books. The winners were: Angela Elsea (Luce), Keri Chase (Hillcrest RESD), and Emily Adams (Pine). Congratulations!

Art Reach/Carnival Chair : (presented by Errin Thompson) **Art Reach**: The art program is going very well. There are enough volunteers to cover all of the classrooms that desire a docent. Errin is creating a sign-out process for supplies.

Book Fair Chair: (presented by Debbie in Jessica's absence): The Hillcrest book fair kicks off tomorrow, Nov. 18. The family event will be held from 5:30-7:00 p.m. She is all set with volunteers.

New Business: (presented by Debbie Thomas)—

1. Next meeting?— Traditionally, there is no meeting of the PTO on the third Monday of December. On the third Monday of January, there is no school. Should the next meeting be held on Jan. 12 or 26? Errin mentioned that she thought the meeting was already on the school calendar for Jan. 26. A motion was made and passed unanimously. Next meeting will be Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Removal of RIF line item from Hillcrest budget:--Tabled until next month.
3. Carnival in 2015?— Currently, the Carnival is scheduled for May 1, 2015 with a budget of \$1,000. Frankenmuth Fundraising is contracted to provide a \$2,400 carnival for us with the inflatables that they own. However, with a new law in place, the cost of insurance has skyrocketed. The owner has checked with 15 insurance companies and the last one is currently being reviewed by an attorney. Errin will call him again next week to see if it will work out. Other ideas if the inflatables are not available: Obstacle Course, Tumbling corner with CMU students, Silly house, Minute to Win It games, Real life Angry Birds Game built by engineering students (contact honor society), or some other kind of physical activity in the small gym/cafeteria area.
4. Alternatives to Frankenmuth Fundraising—Our contract with the company is to sell their products through the fall of 2015. Other ideas to consider: School Mall—an online shopping mall that helps you to support your favorite school when you purchase products from places like Disney.com or Walmart.com. Another idea was Learn2earn—a program with pledges for reading and incentives for most reading, etc. Maybe it could be combined with March Reading month. Students can send email and Facebook invitations thru a fundraiser website. Perhaps there could be a product selling fundraiser in the fall and an online pledge fundraiser in the spring.
5. Coordinating the Luce Rd reindeer visit—Jeff arranged the Reindeer visit for December 3 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. from the reindeer farm in Clare. The price will be \$400 for the half-day. Sarah Evitts will let the other teachers know.
6. Fun Run update—The Fun Run is set for April 28, with a rain date of April 30. Other details were tabled until the next meeting.

School Reports:

Luce Rd— Students and teachers are looking forward to a visit from the reindeer on December 3 from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Hillcrest— Splash Days are coming up on December 4,5. This is a time when students rotate classrooms to focus on health and fitness with physical activities. Community members come in to help out.

Pine Ave.—Chemistry Students from Alma College are scheduled to visit on Friday for “Science Blowout.” Also, 4th grade students will have their holiday musical performance on December 10.

Announcements: None

The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. Location: TBD.

IX Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.