

# AEPTO Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015

## In Attendance (17):

*Executive Officers:* Jeff Turk, Debbie Thomas, Laura Ash

*Committee Chairs:* Errin Thompson, Mandy Sanders, Teresa Parks, Jessica Ackerman

*Luce Road ECLC Representatives:* Bonnie Simcox

*Pine Avenue Elementary Representatives:* Kim June

*Hillcrest Elementary Representatives:* Kathleen Cranna, Tom Neuenfeldt

*Parents:* Stephany Slaughter, Laura Karr, Jennifer DeLeon, Jason DeLeon, Branden Sanders, Jennifer Wilson

## I Call To Order:

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

The minutes from the February 23 meeting were distributed and reviewed. Tom Neuenfeldt moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Jeff Turk. Motion approved unanimously.

## II Officer Reports

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

***Treasurer's Report*** (presented by Laura Ash): Laura presented the current budget report. She received and processed teacher requests. She will be notifying the teachers of the May 1 deadline to turn in receipts for teacher funds. Tom Neuenfeldt moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Teresa Parks. Motion approved unanimously.

## III Fundraising and Committee Chair Reports

***Fundraising Chair:*** (presented by Teresa Parks)—Teresa distributed catalogs from Club's Choice and everyone who attended received cookie dough as a gift tonight! Teresa will be having a separate meeting for input on fundraising changes and invited anyone who wanted to be a part of that sub-team to see her after the meeting. She recommends two fundraisers rather than four fundraisers for next year. Hillcrest and Luce are committed to Frankenmuth Fundraising for the fall sales. A new choice can be made for Pine Ave for the fall and all three schools for the spring.

***Non-Sales Fundraising Chair*** (presented by Mandy Sanders): Mandy made a submission for \$986.90 from the four day contest held during the last week of February. Any submission from now on will be applied to next year's budget. We received just over \$3,000 through labels for this school year. The amount that has been collected and

submitted will be placed in the numbers for the budget. Thank you to all of the teachers who helped to clip the labels. Mandy is working on a bonus offer for Labels for Education. Also, five shoeboxes will be going out this week as part of the new recycling program this year.

**Art Reach/Carnival Chair** : (presented by Errin Thompson) **Art Reach**: No report.  
**Carnival**: see below.

**Book Fair Chair**: (presented by Jessica Ackerman): The bookfair at Luce Rd. was a great success, totaling \$5,611.15, with 50% in scholastic dollars. Thank you to the PTO and all of the volunteers. The Pine Ave bookfair starts tomorrow and is all set up and ready to go.

**New Business**: (presented by Jeff Turk)—

1. Carnival— There will be a change this year in the way that prizes are distributed. Instead of little prizes given at each game, students will get tickets there, then turn them in for prizes at a “prize counter.” In addition, there are some people donating prizes and helping out monetarily. Panther water bottles will be used at the “prize counter.” Laura is helping Errin with some planning. The Carnival is all set for this year. The budget will work and things are falling in to place. Errin is still looking for volunteers to help out at the Carnival.
2. Fun Run— Donations for the Fun Run can be made online or as cash/check in a sealed envelope. In order to make sure that parents know about the donations, it would be good to ask them to initial the envelope.

### **School Reports:**

Luce Rd— March is reading month with a “Suess-tastic” theme. Luce Rd. had a wonderful Book Fair to kick off the month. The Fun Run is coming up and kids are starting to practice!

Hillcrest— March is reading month and all of the doors are decorated. Kids are excited and they have been challenged to read over 5,000 books. If they meet the challenge, Principal Neuenfeldt will come to school wearing a blue dress and a wig! There will be guest readers in the building. In addition, the Rotary Club donated books to each classroom along with bookmarks. Superintendent Lark will be coming to read next week. Buck Wilder will be coming on March 23.

Pine Ave.—March is reading month and the Book Fair kicks off tomorrow. The students exceeded the goal for \$3,500 for Jump Rope for Health. Parent-teacher conferences are coming up on Wednesday and Thursday. Students will be going on a field trip to Lansing and preparing to visit Forest Hill and the zoo.

**Announcements:** Teresa is putting together the list of children going on a Limo Ride. It will be one or two days and she will work with both Burger King and the limo company. On March 31, the Gratiot County Parent Coalition will host Big Hero 6 as a sensory movie for students who would benefit from it. In addition, flyers for the bilingual story time at the library were distributed and more brochures are available.

*The next PTO meeting will be on Monday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. Location: Luce Rd. Elementary.*

## **IX Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.