

Bitterroot PTA Minutes
Thursday, December 4, 2014
6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

*“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love.” –Lao Tzu*

Attendance: April Keippel, Jenny Jasper, Shannon Wright, Laura Lindseth, Bonnie Bear Don't Walk, Stephanie Maroncelli, Tari Erfle, Mary Hankins, Jenn Gordon, Jill Swope, Mary Rose Swan, Bridget Cash, Ariane Taylen

Welcome and Introductions → Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm by April Keippel.

Approval of Meeting Minutes → Minutes are posted electronically to the Bitterroot PTA website. Bonnie Bear Don't Walk made motion to approve as written and Stephanie Maroncelli seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report → Given by Shannon Wright, Treasurer

- *Checking Total \$14320.48

- *Savings Total \$7986.79

- *Class Room Carnival Checking \$2204.71

- {There are a lot of teachers that still have funds left from last year's carnival.}

- *Class Room Savings \$100.01

- *Fitness Night Expense → \$289.80

- *Movie Night Expense → \$17.25

- *Outstanding Bills → \$140 Print Shop, \$1700 yearbooks to Lifetouch

- *Magazines for the 2nd grade have been paid for → Any funds collected from parents will be reimbursed to PTA for this expense.

Box Tops/Labels for Education Committee → Given by Jenny Jasper and Bonnie Bear Don't Walk

- *\$1200 Box Tops

- *\$50 Gift Card for Ms. Buss

- *Prizes for next contest → Frozen yogurt sundaes with fruit, candy and nuts for toppings.

Stephanie will check with Wilcoxsons' for frozen yogurt.

Principal's Update → Mr. English not present for meeting.

- *Tari Erfle did bring to meeting that there is a contest going on within the Heights Elementary Schools to help name the new Middle School. Each grade level from each of the Elementary Schools get to submit a name, a mascot and school colors to the Naming Committee.

- *The School District is discussing re-districting. On the 16th is the next meeting to discuss this re-districting at the Lincoln Center. This would be a good chance for parents to give feedback to the School District Committee on Re-Districting.

Old Business:

Playground Committee Update→The equipment chosen is listed on the blog. There is a possibility that a Grant will be written to add shade apparatus to the equipment. They are currently looking at a summer installation of the equipment.

Family Health Night (Friday, November 21st) →April Keippel, Laura Lindseth & Tari Erfle

*The Yoga was a great way to segment into the cooking section. Overall turnout was really good→Every student left with a prize as well as parents (Thank you April!) The sessions were ½ hour and went well. We may look at doing this again in the Spring with Outdoor activities. The Extension Office Demonstration might have been aimed at an older audience. We may wish to look at another avenue if we do this event again.

New Business:

Movie Night (Dec 5): Frozen→Jenny Jasper, Tari Erfle & April Keippel. There will be yogurt raisins, yogurt pretzels, water and left over candy from the Pumpkin Patch Party.

McKenzie River Pizza Night (Dec 8)→ The flyers have gone out. We get a portion of the sales for the evening.

Holiday Stroll (December 19)→Committee Chair→Stephanie Maroncelli

*They are talking with Student Council Members about helping with the event.

*There will be karaoke Christmas Carols, North Pole Mail Post (If the child has an address to provide, they will receive a letter back from Santa-there is no charge for the PTA for this), raffles for 5 trees and 10-15 wreaths, Toys for Tots Drop-Off, Sugar Cookie Decorating and Hot Cocoa.

*We will need 30 dozen sugar cookies donated and cups for the cocoa donated.

* We still need help setting up for the event at 3:10 pm – 5 pm.

January Movie Night (Jan 9)→The movie selected is “How To Train Your Dragon 2.” Stephanie Maroncelli has this movie that the PTA can use for the movie night. Snack we will look at having frozen Go-gurts.

Science, Math, Health Night (Jan 30th)→Mary Rose Swan Committee Chair

A signup sheet was passed around for volunteers. There is a 10% off sale going on for the Home Science Tools if we want to purchase anything for the event. It was recommended that the Committee reach out to the dentist, Brian Francis, that was going to donate Toothpaste and Toothbrushes for the Pumpkin Patch Party to see if he would donate for this night and/or do a demonstration as well.

Next Meeting→Tuesday, January 6th