

Bitterroot PTA Minutes
Thursday, February 5, 2015
6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.” -Henry David Thoreau

Attendees: April Keippel, Shannon Wright, Laura Lindseth, Tari Erfle, Jill Swope, Natasha Chase, Mary Swan, Josh LaBurd, Kendra M., Caitlin Dimock, Priscilla Barrera, Erin Miller, Ariann, Kristine Gaskill.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Minutes are posted electronically to the Bitterroot PTA website→Motion to approve minutes made by Laura Lindseth; second made by Jill Swope. Membership voted and motion was passed

Treasurer’s Report: →Given by Shannon Wright

- Checking account balance \$11139.11
- Savings account balance \$7980.27
- Class Room Carnival Checking account balance \$1951
- Class Room Carnival Savings account balance \$0.01
- Childcare expense year to date \$160
- Read-A-Thon Expense year to date \$562.15 → Budget \$600
- Science Night Expense \$239.36
- Box Tops Money Received \$1304.33
- Mackenzie River Pizza Fundraiser Night Money Received \$92

Box Tops/Labels for Education Committee: →Given by Tari Erfle

- Labels for Education Leaders for December/January Count
 - #1 Mrs. Frenk→ 254
 - #2 Ms. Redmond→211
 - #3 Mrs. Bumgarner→208
 - #4 Mrs. Hankins→ 164
- Labels for Education Leaders for Overall Count
 - #1 Mrs. Bumgarner→ 948
 - #2 Mrs. Hankins→ 884
 - #3 Mrs. Frenk→ 425
 - #4 Ms. Redmond→ 354
- Labels for Education allow for the staff to shop on-line for supplies for the school. For example, Mrs. Buss has purchased equipment for physical education.
- Box Top Leaders for December/January Count
 - #1 Mrs. Bumgarner→ \$63.80
 - #2 Mrs. Voigt & Mrs. Pohle→ \$57.20
 - #3 Mr. White→ \$53.80
- Box Top Leaders for December/January Count
 - #1 Mr. White→ \$203.70
 - #2 Mrs. Bumgarner→\$148.80

- #3 Mrs. Frenk → \$131.08
- #4 Mrs. Voigt → \$99.70
- Box Tops reimburse the P.T.A. for \$0.10 per Box Top and these funds go in to the General Funds for the P.T.A.

Principal's Update: Mr. English is not in attendance; he is currently attending training.

Old Business:

Science Night (Friday, January 30th): → Mary Rose Swan, Chair of Committee

- What worked well?
 - 75 children attended → Count came from Door Prize slips
 - Comment from parent → Best one yet
 - Rocky Mountain College Professor was a hit
 - Ground water demonstration went over well
- How can we improve for next year?
 - Drawings → the children took a lot of timing choosing a prize from the table → May look at moving this away from the front door and look at another way to give out prizes
 - The invisible writing experiment needed a hotter light source

Funding Request – Ms. Lund → (Tabled per Mr. English) → The school district will cover this expense

New Business:

Read-A-Thon (Feb. 18-Feb. 27th) → Kristine Gaskill, Chair of Event

- “Travel Into A Good Book”
- Each class will have a passport outside their classroom
- They will get a “ticket” when the class has reached a certain number of minutes read by the class → Some examples of “where” the classes will travel → Australia, Europe, Antarctica
- Every student will get a compass at the end of the Read-A-Thon
- Large prizes of tablets will be awarded by drawing this year instead of by the most minutes read
- Other prizes include → Texas Roadhouse Certificates, Subway Certificates, Arby’s Certificates, Old Chicago Certificate, Wendy’s Certificates
- If the school reads over 100,000 minutes → each class will get extra ½ hour gym time
- This has been a fundraiser for the library and the P.T.A. in the past → Only \$1000 had been given to the library
 - There was a note sent home that stated all funds raised were to go to the library
 - Last year → Over \$4000 raised
- There will be a healthy lunch served to the winning class and will be funded by the Healthy Lifestyle Grant
- Kristine Gaskill made a motion for all funds raised to go to the library after expenses → Ariann second the motion → Membership voted and motion passed

March Movie Night (March 6th) → “Box Trolls”

- There will be a note sent home on the ticket with a reminder that students need to be accompanied by an adult → This is a family event.

- We will have one parent act as a gym monitor → Mary Swan volunteered
- We would like to have more parent involvement
- Snacks will be water, popcorn, chocolate pretzels and trail mix (without nuts)

NOVA Theater (March 9-20): → April Keippel has been in contact with the theater.

- They limit the number of children that can participate to 50
- There will need to be 2 parents at every rehearsal that is 3:20-5:20 every school day
- There will need to be 2 parents at each performance
- Space for rehearsal is an issue at present → There is volleyball in the gym
 - April is working on this issue
- An alternative idea was brought up to have a Healthy/Fitness night for school next year
- PTA Arts Grant Application → April Keippel will be writing this Grant Application for next year

Budget Committee → Needs to include President, Treasurer, one Board Member, one P.T.A. member and one teacher

- April Keippel (President); Shannon Wright (Treasurer); Tari Erfle (Board Member); Mary Swan (P.T.A. Member) have volunteered
- We still will need one teacher to be a part of the Committee

Classroom Carnival – April 17th

Other New Business?

- We will need to address Childcare Expense
- Funding Request from “The Golden Apple Award” → \$100; this was allocated in the budget
 - Christine Gaskill made motion to approve expense and second from Ariann → Membership voted and motion was passed
- Funding Request from Ms. E. Miller → CPR/First Aid Training
 - \$40 each teacher up to 15 teachers → Total \$600
 - Certification is good for 2 years
 - Mary Swan made motion to approve expense and second from Jill Swoope → Membership voted and motion was passed
- Panda Express Fundraiser Night did not occur as the person we worked with to set it up is not at the store anymore
- Meeting adjourned by April Keippel