

Bitterroot PTA Agenda
Thursday, March 5, 2015
6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Attendees: Bonnie Bear Don't Walk, Laura Lindseth, Jenny Jasper, Tari Erfle, Shannon Wright, Janet Bumgarner, Ariane Taylen, Mary Swan, Jill Swoope, Kristin Voigt, John English, Kristine Gaskill

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Meeting Minutes → Minutes are posted electronically to the Bitterroot PTA website; Checking account balance will be added to the draft and then will be posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report: Given By Shannon Wright

Account Balances:

Checking Balance: \$12,415.06

Savings Balance: \$7,987.38

Class Room Carnival Checking: \$1,991.73

Class Room Carnival Savings: \$0.01

Expenses:

\$560 CPR Class for 15 teachers

\$742.76 Read-A-Thon

Box Tops/Labels for Education Committee: Given by Jenny Jasper

Labels for Education Contest Winners:

Bumgarner-1st

Hankins-2nd

Frenk-3rd

Pohle-4th

Box Tops & Tyson Contest Winners:

Bumgarner-1st

Pohle-2nd

White-3rd

Voigt-4th

Contest Winners Receive Frozen Yogurt Party → Bumgarner's class

(Ms. Voigt has sprinkles that she will let us use. We need to check with Stephanie Maroncelli on the frozen yogurt as she was working on getting this donated.)

Next Contest Prize → Popsicles

Year End Prize → Pizza Party

Bonus Sheet Available for Labels for Education handed out

Labels for Education News: We won \$1000 in nation-wide contest. We were one of only 1000 schools.

Principal's Update: Given by Mr. English

- There will be a Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the new Middle School on 3/18/15 at 4 pm. Jenny Jasper will put a link on our website to see more information on this.
- Next year classes breakdown as such: Kindergarten→ 3 classes//First Grade→ 3 classes//Second Grade→ 3 classes//Third Grade→ 3 classes//Fourth Grade → 2 classes//Fifth Grade→ 1 class (28 students)//Fifth-Sixth Grade Combo→ 1 class (27 students)//Sixth Grade→ 1 class (30 students).
- Mrs. Culp has been at school for 12 years and will have to be transferred.
- Re-districting→Plan A is currently being recommended
- Middle School Naming→ This was a School Board decision
- Up-coming Testing→ K-2 will be taking AIMS; 3rd-6th will be taking SBAC and MAP; 4th will be taking SBAC, MAP and MONT CAS.
- Fall of 2016→ Our school will be getting 2 Independent Classrooms
- Summer Construction Projects→ ½ the flooring this year will be done and the other half will be done next year. There will be no carpet; will be rubberized vinyl flooring.

Old Business:

Read-A-Thon Update: Given by Kristine Gaskill

- Went well.
- The total minutes read seemed realistic this year.
- Students enjoyed "Traveling in books"
- Students loved the compasses they were given
- This year was simpler for the teachers
- 181,000 minutes read by our students
- Expenses \$742.76
- Income \$4352.20
- Income after expense \$3609.44
- Motion made by Jenny Jasper for amount over budget to be paid for by PTA; was second by Mr. English; motion was passed
- Mrs. Anderson has stated she will buy an I Pad for Student Council with proceeds as well as eBooks and apps. She will let PTA know how she spends the funds.
- Every student was entered into the Grand Prize drawing one time if they turned in their envelopes.
- Winners of Subway Parties (which include sandwiches, veggies and apples)→
 - Perius Class→Subway Party
 - Culp Class→ Subway Party
 - Hankins Class →Subway Party
 - O'Donnell Class→Subway Party
 - Hughes Class→Subway Party (Most Pledges=28 pledges)
- Winners of Tablets→
 - Kindergarten→Carson Hanson
 - 1st and 2nd Grades→ Ellionna Hodges
 - 3rd and 4th Grades→Kassidee Savaria
 - 5th and 6th Grades→ Kiernan Carroll

- Theme ideas for next year's Read-A-Thon → "Dig into a Good Book," "Caught You Reading," or some science-type theme

Movie Night, Friday, March 6: The Box Trolls → Jenny Jasper & Tari Erfle

Treats will be water, popcorn, chocolate pretzels, and trail mix (without nuts) → Shannon Wright will get the needed supplies.

NOVA Theater: → Laura Lindseth

Information on performance; Three performances. 9:30 am, 1 pm, 5:30 pm

NOVA will be visiting classrooms tomorrow to introduce the program to the students.

Budget Committee: Still need a teacher representative for the committee → Mr. English volunteered.

New Business:

Family Game Night – Friday, March 27th → April Keippel. There will be Door Prizes. There will be tables put out and there are some games for families to use in the shed.

Classroom Carnival – April 17th → Stephanie Maroncelli is working on this. She has printed the letters requesting donations and gotten them delivered. She will need help during the week of April 16th to put together the baskets. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each. Tickets for students to attend and play all games will be \$5. Tickets will be sold before and after school. Teachers must be registered PTA members and must participate in the Carnival in order to receive funds from Carnival. The teachers can have a parent volunteer in their place if they are unable to attend.

Volunteers to help secure raffle basket donations

Volunteers to help create baskets

Board Elections/Committee Chair and Co-Chair Positions → Elections will be held in April. We have to advertise the open positions. We will send a note home with students. We will also put this information on the internet. One of the open positions at this time is Treasurer. April Keippel will follow up with other Board Members to check for other open positions.

T-shirt design contest will be done by current 5th and 4th grades. We will need to contact the Art teacher to make sure there is still time for students to do this in school. If not, they may be able to do this at home. It needs to be done on a 12 x 12 sheet of paper. We will choose one design from each grade and have 2 t-shirts created for the next school year. Mr. English will follow up with the Art teacher.

There is a monetary request from the third grade to cover Scholastic news for the rest of the year. It is for 60 children and is \$99.75. Kristine made the motion to cover the expense and Laura seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

There is a monetary request from the third grade to help pay for transportation to the new Disney Movie. Kristine made a motion to cover the expense and Jenny seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned.