

Bitterroot PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

Attendees: April Keippel, Bonnie Bear Don't Walk, Shannon Wright, Stephanie Maroncelli, Laura Lindseth, Jenny Jasper, Tari Erfle, Elizabeth Perius

Welcome and Introductions – Called to Order by April Keippel

Approval of Meeting Minutes -- Tari Erfle compiled minutes/Jenny Jasper posted electronically to the Bitterroot PTA website

Treasurer's Report – Shannon Wright

Checking Account Total \$17,370

Savings Account Total \$7,986.59

Classroom Checking Total \$2,204

Classroom Savings Total \$100

Movie Night \$90.70

Pumpkin Patch Party Profit \$466.79

Below budget by \$27.79

Red Ribbon Week \$66.42

Bills Outstanding:

Volleyball nets,IXL = \$2,500

Lifetouch for yearbooks = \$1,600

(They will put together year books for the school if we need to look at another option with Tammy Welsby looking to step out of this role for the school-they do charge more to do this.)

Box Tops/Labels for Education Committee—Jenny Jasper and Bonnie Bear Don't Walk→Just sent these in today.

Box Tops:

Mr. White \$86.20

Mrs. Baumgardner \$69.80

Mrs. Hankins \$64.10

Ms. Hughs \$57.00

→Total \$270

Labels for Education:

Mrs. Hankins 513

Mrs. Bumgardner 492

Mrs. N. Miller 241

Mrs. Barrera 171

→Total 810

{They will now give out debit card for credit and Ms. Buss will continue to use for supplies.}

Principal's Update→Tabled as Mr. English not present.

Update on Middle School Construction→Tabled as Mr. English not present.

Old Business:

Playground Committee Update → Tabled as Mr. English not present.

Pumpkin Patch Party (Friday, October 24th) →

What worked well? The oranges and water were well received.

How can we improve for next year? There was congestion in the hall wall. The prize room and area were congested. We will need additional higher end prizes ordered for next year as we ran out early. The boxes for Trick-or-Treat Street were hard to get. Stephanie Maroncelli will assist in acquiring them next year. There was not much participation with the 5th and 6th graders this year. This could change with different classes. We will pay for the pictures to be developed from the Party. Ms. Perius offered her room to be used for the prize room next year.

Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31) → Per Ms. Neese → Everything went well.

New Business:

Parent-Teacher Conference Dinner → Laura and Stephanie

Everything seems to be set and ready → Stephanie will check to see if any set up is needed

Movie Night (Nov 7): Free Birds → Tari, Jenny, Bonnie and April will be present

Snacks will be candy from Pumpkin Patch Party, Cotton Candy (later discussed cancelling this for this movie), Apples (Stephanie will purchase, clean, cut and bag), Popcorn

Family Health Night (November 21) → April is chairing this committee with Tari and Laura helping.

YMCA will be contacted to help along with food demonstrations and door prizes. We are thinking of having 15 minute trial sessions of events. April will be out of town until the night before the event, she may need last minute help.

Holiday Stroll (December 19) → Stephanie will chair this committee.

Planning on the same type of events as last year → will be free for attendance.

Reading area in library, Card/Letter to Santa station, cocoa station (we will need to have a way to help cool cocoa down before serving {Perkins may be providing this}, Karaoke Christmas Carols, Toys for Tots Drop Off Station with Marines to accept the donations (radio stations will do advertising stating that the School is a drop off site for Toys for Tots), Stephanie will check with the Billings Bulls to see if they will be able to assist too. Volunteers will need to be recruited.

Wreaths and Trees for Raffles → Ms. Perius' class will be making ornaments, Ms. Hughes and Ms. O'Donnell (Buddy classes) will be working on a tree. The Planning Committee will be working on a tree (Sugar Plum on a Black and White theme). They would like one Bitterroot Bobcat themed tree too. The ornaments need to be shatter-proof. There might be 2 trees re-gifted to the Planning Committee from April Keippel and family.

Other New Business?

Request for Funding from 2nd Grade Ms. Pohle for a "Time For Kids" Magazine subscription for 68 children. It is \$4.46 per copy. \$300 per year. They have already spent their funds from the Spring Carnival. Stephanie motioned to pay for the subscription and Bonnie seconded the motion and the motion passed. The PTA asked that the teachers put together a note asking the parents of the students to help cover the costs and any money that does come in, the funds will go back to help reimburse the PTA for any parent-covered funds.

Request for funding from Ms. Fisher with the Art Department. April, May and June Art Shows at the Public Library, Yellowstone Art Museum, and the Western Heritage Center for students. They would like to provide cookies and juice at the shows. They are asking for \$30. The motion was made by Ms. Perius and seconded by Bonnie and the motion was passed to pay the \$30.

We currently have 48 members of our PTA for Bitterroot Elementary School. We have more Membership cards on order.

Shannon Wright brought up the question of Insurance/Liability with Childcare Services that we provide during the meetings. We will have to look in to this topic further and discuss at later meetings.

Stephanie Maroncelli brought up the idea that the PTA will need to decide how to handle the 4th, 5th and 6th graders during the transition years with the new middle school opening. We will need to look at things that are typically done for the 6th graders and decide if we will do them for the 5th graders and how to continue with the T-Shirt design program. This will need to be discussed at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm by April Keippel.