

Bitterroot PTA Agenda
Thursday, October 2, 2014
6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

Attendees: April Keippel, Bonnie Bear Don't Walk, Tari Erfle, Jill Swoope, Laura Lindseth, Baylee Larson, Nina Miller, Kim Pohle, Stephanie Maroncelli, Shannon Wright, Jenny Jasper, Crystal Bennett, Jen Gordon, Mary Swan, Bridget Cash

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Meeting Minutes -Minutes are posted electronically to the Bitterroot PTA website – Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Regular Savings Account \$7,986.39

Regular Checking Account \$24,113.01

Classroom Carnival Checking Account \$2,372.26

Classroom Carnival Savings Account \$100.00

Box Tops/Labels for Education Committee:

A prize needed to be determined for the class that wins each 3 month session. A pizza party was chosen as the prize for the first three month session. Other options mentioned for future prizes were Root Beer Floats and extra recess.

Labels for Education = Over 1600 points → Ms. Bumgarner's class is leading with 470 points

Box Tops = Over \$484 → Mr. White's is leading with \$70.60

Old Business:

Pylons/Signs for Parking Request – These would be for Jacque Street. Mr. English will be working on looking for another source to possibly acquire the equipment.

Coupon Book Fundraiser Recap:

Total amount raised! \$10, 420 → 1,042 books sold. A check for \$10, 940 will be sent to Joe with Cinnabon for the books. Three books are outstanding. Six books were damaged and Joe will help cover the cost of these books. Ten more were damaged or lost. Sixteen books are missing. If we have any leftover, Joe will reimburse us.

What worked well? - People were excited for these books.

How can we improve for next year? – We will put together an "Opt-Out Letter" for parents that will be sent out before the sale starts next year. This way, a family can choose to not sell the books if they would like. We will look at having Ms. Zimmerman help label envelopes and books. We may look at preparing a cover letter for the teachers. There was a suggestion to move the sale of the books to earlier in the year (closer to the beginning of the school year). There was a suggestion to create a "Where Does Your Money Go" letter to be sent with the Fundraiser next year.

Prizes/rewards Update - There was a motion to add additional prizes for the students since we did so well on the fundraiser. The motion was passed and Stephanie Maroncelli and Shannon Wright will purchase 15 additional prizes that will be Lego sets. We would like to put together a Thank You Letter for the parents. There were 133 students who sold 3 or more books. Stephanie Maroncelli is working with Wendy's to get certificates for these students. There was a motion to increase the budget for this expense by \$200. This motion was passed.

Prize Winners →

Riley Davis → Ms. Mathiason → Lego Set
Mikela Knick → Ms. Mathiason → Lego Set
Brooke Bennett → Ms. Redmond → Lego Set
Emma Cole → Ms. Redmond → Lego Set
Gavin Woods → Ms. Culp → Lego Set
Alexandra Kotte → Ms. Miller → Lego Set
Jeremy Urbanski → Mr. White → Lego Set
Caimon Fitzpatrick → Ms. Bumgarner → Lego Set
Johnny Vasquez → Ms. Hankins → Lego Set
Hanna Harkness → Ms. Frenk → Lego Set
Dylan Hirsch → Ms. Miller → Lego Set
Andrew Oliver → Ms. Miller → Lego Set
Emily Schultz → Ms. Miller → Lego Set
Tucker Keller → Ms. Hughs → Lego Set
Kelsey Hjelm → Ms. Martin → Lego Set

Grand Prize Winners →

Sydney Newell → Winner of the Bike from the Spoke Shop → 5th Frenk
McKie Baker → Winner of the Tablet → 5th Frenk
Daniel Garza → Winner of the Ipod Shuffle → 6th Miller

Classroom Winners → Cinnabon Parties

Primary - Ms. Redmond 78, Mrs. Barrera 75
Secondary - Mr. White 81, Mrs. Bumgarner 80

Saturday Live Recap:

Total amount raised → \$1,647

What worked well? We did not run out of candy this year. We have extra that we will use for the Pumpkin Patch Party and/or Movie Nights.

How can we improve for next year? We need extra staffing toward the end of the day as all the tickets have to be counted and put in to packs of 100. The Billings Bulls were at the booth helping sell candy. It was mentioned to check with them next year and see if they would do autographs for a ticket.

September Movie Night:

Sales and attendance → Good attendance. We raised \$144 selling concessions.

Ways to improve → It was mentioned about popcorn taking awhile to pop. We will continue to start popcorn prior to the start of the movie.

New Business:

October Movie Night: Jenny Jasper and Bonnie Bear Don't Walk will be at the event. Snacks to be sold will be candy corn, licorice, grapes and water. April Keippel will get the grapes.

Playground Committee Update: There will be one more meeting for this committee, Monday, October 6th. The options that have been looked at are a zip line, shaded canopy, natural playground, and a Lunar Blast (this piece of equipment is a 16 foot tall climbing structure). There was discussion on the Lunar

Blast height. They are planning on a summer installation. There has to be a decision made on the equipment this fall. The decision will be made by staff and students.

Pumpkin Patch Party (Friday, October 24th):

Event Updates→ The prizes for the event have already been purchased. We do have candy left from Saturday Live that can be used. Mr. White has volunteered his room for the Prize Room. Ms. Voigt has volunteered her room for the Cake Walk. The rest of the games will be placed in the gym and hallway. The Committee is working on getting apples, oranges and water to have for everyone who attends the Party. Dr. Francis has donated toothbrushes and toothpaste for all attendees. Erin Church has volunteered to take pictures. Tickets will be \$5 and they will be on sale before and after school the week of the Party.

Supplies→ There was a motion for the PTA to purchase a Cotton Candy Machine. The machine costs \$180 on sale and shipping is \$20. The motion was passed. PTA will purchase the Cotton Candy Machine from the General Funds and it will be stored in the PTA shed and will be utilized for other PTA sponsored events as well. This machine will be utilized for several different events throughout the year. The funds for the sugar and bags needed for the events will be taken out of the corresponding event budget.

Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31): Ms. Neese has put in an order for the items she would like to have for the Week. The order was \$66.42. All students will receive a bookmark or a ribbon. She is working on "Kindness Cards" with the students. The Student Council will meet and decide on the themes for the days of Red Ribbon Week. As to date, the Student Council members have not been chosen.

Fitness and Nutrition Night (November 21):

National PTA Grant Information→April Keippel wrote a Grant Proposal and our school was chosen for a \$2000 Grant. April presented the check to the PTA.

Volunteers: Planning Committee→April Keippel asked for volunteers to help plan the Fitness Night.

Future Event: Science/Math/Health Night

Other Business: Stephanie Maroncelli has acquired a file cabinet for the PTA use. It will be placed in the PTA shed.