

Bitterroot PTA Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” — Helen Keller

Attendees: April Keippel, Mary Rose Swan, Cressida Carrol, Jenny Jasper, Laura Lindseth, Tari Erfle, Debbie Neese, Monica Smith, Nicole Holman, Jennifer Jones

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
- Jenny Jasper made motion to approve minutes; Motion passed

Treasurer’s Report:

- General Checking Account \$16,861.02
- General Savings Account \$7,988.99
- Classroom Carnival Checking Account \$2,928.84
- Classroom Carnival Savings Account (-\$5.99)
 - Cressida talked with bank on the charge placed on this account; this is corrected now

Box Tops/Labels for Education Committee:

- Next count on November 30th at 2:30 pm in Ms. Redmond’s room→Volunteers welcome
- Winners of Contest #1 will get a pizza party
 - Current leaders in Box Tops/Tyson
 - Mrs. Bumgarner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Crofutt
 - Current leaders in Labels for Education
 - Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Garcia, Mr. White

Principals Report/Updates:

- Mr. English was not present
- New playground is going in and is handicap accessible
- It is being considered to have benches for an outdoor classroom put in

Old Business:

Pumpkin Patch Party:

- What worked well?
 - Pretty good turnout for volunteers
 - Flow of people was good
 - Nice that there was a place for people to sit
 - Photo-Op was nice
 - Apples and bananas were a hit
- How can we improve for next year?
 - Student council→Consider having volunteering at this event be a part of the responsibility of the Student Council
 - Badges for volunteers

- Need a taller box for the Fishing Game
- Need to have music for cake walk
- May consider haunted house instead of Trick-or-Treat Street
- Putting green needs something behind it to stop the ball
- The games in the middle had no clearly defined lines
- Volunteer Award → Jennifer Jones won \$40 Montana Jacks Gift Card

Parent Teacher Conference Dinner:

- What worked well?
 - Well received by the staff
 - Good assortment
- How can we improve for next year?
 - Will need paper products for next year
 - Consider scratching a main dish, desert, and a side (a lot of food left over)

New Business:

Holiday Family Night (Friday, December 11, 2015):

- Volunteer sign-ups
- Low-key; a night for families to spend quality time together
- Stephanie Maroncelli has access to a karaoke machine if needed
- No admittance fee
- Possible ideas: Craft tables, Christmas Bingo, Charlie Brown Christmas Movie, Santa Photos (possibly Elsa), apple cider and cocoa
- Possible door prizes
- April Keippel, Mary Rose Swan and Tari Erfle will volunteer for the night

January Movie Night (January 8, 2016):

- Minions is the movie
- Jenny Jasper will volunteer

Science Night (January 15, 2016):

- Mary Rose Swan will chair the event

NOVA Theater (Jan 25 – Feb 5):

- After school from 3:20 pm-5:20 pm
- Need 2 adult volunteers at every rehearsal
 - Will check with teachers to see if any are interested in volunteering
- Performance during school and at night
- 4th, 5th and 6th graders participate → maximum number of students that can participate is 50
- \$2000 Contract for the event
- Pizza party for all participants

Other New Business?

- MacKenzie River Pizza Night Problem → One hour wait for a table → Consider looking at Montana Jack's or other Heights locations for fundraising nights

Door Prize Drawing

- Cressida Carrol, Laura Lindseth and Nicole Holman

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm by April Keippel