

## Bitterroot PTA Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

6-7pm in the Bitterroot Library

**“No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.” ~ Robin Williams**

### Welcome and Introductions/Attendees:

- Jenny Jasper, Cressida Carroll, Laura Lindseth, Ariane Wittman, Alexis Buss, Erin Miller, Katy Vergara, Mary Rose Swan, Jill Swoope, Bonnie Bear Don't Walk, April Keippel, John English, Jennifer Jones, Kristine Gaskill, Sherene Wittman, Tari Erfle

### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes are posted electronically to the Bitterroot PTA website → Jenny Jasper made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Mary Rose Swan made a second to the motion and the motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report:

- Account Totals
  - General PTA Checking \$16,437.37
  - General PTA Savings \$7,989.99
  - Classroom Carnival Checking \$2,420.03
  - Classroom Carnival Savings \$25.00
- Expenses/Income
  - Movie Night (License) → Expense \$27.50 + \$387 → Income \$26.37 → Total to Date -\$252.77
  - Print Shop → Expense \$121.93 → Total to Date -\$571.65
  - Read-a-Thon → Expense \$1,500 → Income \$3,938.25 → Total to Date \$1,818.46 (Given to the library)
  - Lifetouch → Income \$418.25 → Total to Date -\$520.83
  - Montana PTA → Expense \$6 → Total to Date \$91
  - Misc. (AIM {Insurance}, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Museum of Rockies, ink refill) → Expense \$106.97 → Total to Date -\$251.97
  - Yearbook → Income \$1,830 → Total to Date \$1,815.01
  - Classroom Carnival → Expense \$232.33

### Box Tops/Labels for Education Committee:

- Mrs. Frenk's Class is leading both Box Tops and Labels for Education currently
- Mrs. Pohle's Class is leading both Box Tops and Labels for Education overall year-to-date
- There will be 2 more collections this school year → One at the beginning of May and one towards the end of May
- The next newsletter will have a reminder for Labels for Education → the program is ending this year
- We will need someone to chair the Labels for Education for next year (the program will be changed)

### Principals Report/Updates:

- NWEA testing for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders has begun
- There is a new amount allowed for technology for the school → The school will receive \$20,000-\$21,000 from the Tech Levy
  - The staff have put together a “wish list” that totals \$27,000
    - Includes sound systems for the classrooms “Red Cat System”

- There is a new pricing for the Ipads need for the Project Lead the Way labs→We can now buy 2 labs with the funds set aside originally
  - PTA will donate the designated funds of \$17,000 to purchase the Project Lead the Way i-pad labs
- There are 3 teachers that will be trained on Project Lead the Way and Mr. English→One day of training has been completed→More training is planned
  - Barrera, Anderson, and Vergara will be the “Lead Teachers”
- General funds are financially ok
- Three teachers have gone to The Safe and Civil School Training→behavior intervention/team/classroom management/office referrals

### **Old Business:**

#### **Game Night/April Movie Night Recap:**

- Movie night for April→Peanuts Movie→25-30 students
- Game Night for April→Low turnout
- Movie night for May→The Good Dinosaur
- Suggestion was made to look at having more STEM themed activities
- Suggestion was made to look at high school students to volunteer for an astronomy night

#### **Student Yearbook Updates:**

- Nikki Neville did the work for the yearbook→Mr. English made a motion to give a yearbook to Nikki for her work. Mary Rose Swan made a second to the motion and the motion was passed.
- Jenny Jasper proofed the yearbook
- The yearbook has been submitted
- PTA had to purchase extra yearbooks to fulfill the contract→we will have extra for sale when they come in

#### **Spring Carnival (April 29<sup>th</sup>):**

- Jenny Jasper and Stephanie Maroncelli are co-chairs of the event
- Ms. Kelly is going to be selling food→Undecided what will be sold
- There will be cotton candy for prizes
- Half of the prizes ordered from Oriental Trading have arrived
- The Committee will use the monetary donations to balance out the baskets for the raffle
- There will be a ticket for admission and a set number of game tickets to go with the admission ticket for one price→There will be the opportunity to purchase additional game tickets at the carnival

#### **5th and 6th Grade Celebration (May 31):**

- PTA has allowed the Celebration Committee to use the cotton candy machine
- Laura Lindseth and Kristine Gaskill are chairing the Committee
  - Gathering people and items for the celebration→Planning stage
  - They would like to use the Sign Up Genius→Jenny Jasper will help set this up
- Melissa Christopherson is planning the BBQ
  - Mr. English will talk with the Kiwanis in regard to using their BBQs and having them cook

### **New Business:**

#### **Officer Elections:**

- Incoming President→ Bonnie Bear Don't Walk

- Incoming Vice President of Volunteers→Laura Lindseth
- Incoming Secretary→Monica Smith
  - Kristine Gaskill made a motion for the nominations as stated above to be made officers. Jenny Jasper made a second to the motion and the motion was passed.

#### **Standing Rules Review:**

- Section\_“Elected officers” change “Vice President of Technology” to “Vice President of Communication”
- Section “Board of Directors Meeting” change “held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at 5:30 pm” to “regular monthly meetings to be determined annually by the Board of Directors.”
- Section “General Membership Meetings” change “the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm” to “regular monthly meetings to be determined annually by the Board of Directors.”
  - Jenny Jasper made a motion to make the above changes to the Standing Rules. John English made a second to the motion and the motion passed.
  - Tari Erfle will make the changes and submit to the Montana PTA Office

#### **Budget Committee – Parent Volunteer :**

- Jill Swoope and Ariane Wittman volunteered for the Committee→Meeting time and date TBD

#### **Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2nd-5<sup>th</sup>:**

- We need a Chair for the Committee→Mary Rose Swan, Ariane Wittman, and Monica Smith will help with the event
- Ideas: Breakfast on Thursday, BBQ lunch (was done last year), stock staff break room with paper products

#### **T-Shirt Design Selection for 2017:**

- Joseph Walette’s design was chosen

#### **Membership Survey – Preliminary Results:**

- Only 9 completed surveys at this time
- We will extend the time for completing the survey →will have link to the survey on the next newsletter
- Results will be discussed at May’s PTA meeting

#### **Other New Business**

**Suggestion→Use “Remind Dot Com” for free text blasts to go out to student families when looking for volunteer help for events**

**Thank you from Mrs. Hankin’s class**

**Door Prize Drawing**