

Bitterroot PTA Minutes
12/8/15

Meeting was called to order at 5:58 by April Keippel. Attending the meeting tonight in the library were April Keippel, Jennifer Jones, Jenny Jasper, Laura Lindseth, Maria Garcia, Nicole Holman, Janet Bumgarner, John English, Mary Rose Swan, and Lucie Cole.

November minutes were posted electronically and no corrections were needed. Mary Rose Swan made a motion to approve the minutes and Jenny Jasper seconded that motion.

Treasurer's Report-Cressida Carroll was unable to attend the meeting so Jenny Jasper filled in and read the report. The fee that was taken out has been corrected.

Printshop-Expense of \$37.41 total to date is \$404.71

Coupon Book-Income of \$30.00 total to date is \$8,811.37

T-Shirt-total to date is \$287.85

Classroom Carnival-Expense \$251.51 total to date is \$708.28

General PTA Checking total to date-\$16,490.00

General PTA Savings total to date-\$7,989.18

Classroom Carnival Checking to date-\$3,086.84

Classroom Carnival Savings to date-\$25.01

Box Tops/Labels for Education Report-Mr. White won the Labels for Education and Mrs. Bumgarner won the Box Tops. Pizza parties were awarded to the classes along with water and oranges on 12/4/15. Jenny Jasper donated cookies for the classes as well. Mrs. Bumgarner said the kids were thrilled with the oranges and welcomed the pizza as well! Great job and keep those labels and box tops coming. The committee has decided that a doughnut party will be given out for the next contest. April would like some fruit added in there if possible.

Principal's Report/Updates-New Middle School Model Public Informational Session will be held 12/9/15 at 6:00 in the library at Castle Rock Middle School. Topics such as schedule, classes, and activity information will be presented, as well as an opportunity for questions to be asked.

Medicine Crow Middle School construction is still ongoing, windows have been installed and they are 2 months ahead of schedule and last report they were \$400,000.00 under budget.

Bitterroot had a peanut butter and jelly drive and brought in 530 jars for Family Service. Arrowhead School won the contest and Bitterroot took 2nd place. A big thank you to all that donated.

Project Lead The Way grant purchased 12 I-Pads.

Bobcat 200 Club is moving forward and the kids are very excited. The first group of 10 kids won an ice cream party and the second group of winners took a Victory Lap around the school/building. It takes about 2 ½ weeks to fill up the squares and the teachers pass out 5 blue chips and 5 yellow chips daily. This is a great incentive to encourage good behavior. We are seeing a big improvement and the kids/staff enjoy it.

The school is tying up loose ends with all the construction that took place over the summer. Some issues are still pending and they are working hard to finish that up.

New playground structure was installed and it turned out really good. The kids seem to enjoy it and everyone is still learning the safety routines/procedures on it. There is a naming contest going on at the school and kids are submitting their choices. We look forward to hearing the new name.

Old Business-Holiday Family Night will be 12/11/15 in the gym. The free event will run from 6:30-8:00. Monica Smith's husband will be creating a new winter background for pictures. Mary Rose Swan and Nicole Holman are still looking for construction paper for making paper chains. Mr. English seems to think we have some extra floating around somewhere and will look for that. We have left over ornaments from last year's holiday stroll in the shed that we plan on using. We will have Christmas Bingo and will be using M&M's for bingo doobers and when they are gone your turn is up. Albertsons donated \$30.00 and a gift card for the event. It can be picked up any time and they are still finalizing on how to spend this for the event. Sysco was supposed to be donating the frosting and cups for decorating sugar cookies. That fell through and April ended up making buttercream frosting and had to purchase additional frosting. Nikki Neville will be bringing the hot water containers on loan from Perkins for the hot chocolate and apple cider.

Mary Rose wanted some fruit and veggies at the event and Lucie Cole graciously offered to cut up the fruits and veggies. Mary Rose plans to pick up and get the food to Lucie on Thursday so it is ready for Friday. Mr. English wanted everyone to know that we have no rules regarding Christmas at the school, so it is politically correct to use and say Christmas.

New Business- January movie night will be 1/8/16 and we will be showing Minions. Jenny wanted February's movie brought up and she had 3 movie suggestions: The Princess Bride, Harry Potter (1st one) and Star Wars. We could not come to an agreement regarding these choices, so Jenny will take a poll on the website, she might consider a write in choice, but that gets pretty chaotic.

Science Night- 1/15/16 in the gym from 6:00-7:30. Mr. English has volunteered to do an aviation presentation with a flight demonstration for the event.

Mary Rose would like to have a meeting before Science Night to get things lined up and set in motion so we are ready for it. She hopes to get one lined up before too long and will keep everyone posted regarding the meeting. Jenny will be gone for science night but Mary Rose will be able to post on sign up genius if necessary. Mary Rose is looking for ideas/suggestions for Science Night and welcomes any and all ideas. Mary Rose will inquire with MSUB Biology department and try Gavin from Rocky for extra hands for the event. Mary Rose stated that her boss is a chemical engineer and will talk to him and see if he is willing to do anything or help out.

Mr. English will contact Beartooth School Project Lead the Way group and see if anyone is available for demonstrations. Laura suggested contacting the Forensics department here in town. Jenny suggested we talk to Sandy the extended studies teacher for the Math portion. Mr. English will send out and email to staff requesting some help/input for Science Night.

Lucie Cole asked if food will be at the event and if so she would be willing to help out any way possible.

NOVA Theatre-The event is scheduled for January 25-February 5, 2016. Auditions will be held on Monday 1/25/16 from 3:20-5:20. We need two adults to help out with auditions and rehearsals for the two weeks. Kristine Gaskill and Laura Lindseth have volunteered for this and Jennifer Jones offered to help where necessary for this event as well. This is open for 4, 5, & 6 grade students.

April made a suggestion that we could charge up to \$5.00 for the Friday night performance to recoup some of our money back for the production. Other schools in the area do it. NOVA is free for the students and some felt that maybe we should not charge, but to have a donation bucket set up instead. PTA will be providing pizza for the kids on the last day of the performance.

New Business-Nothing on the agenda

Door Prize Drawing- Ear Buds and Montana Caramels were the prizes. Nicole Holman and Jennifer Jones won the prizes.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55.