

# **Bitterroot PTA Meeting**

## **May 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm**

In attendance: Dr. Henry, Cressida Carroll, Laura Lindseth, Jenny Jasper, Laurel Nugent, Katy Vergara, Caitlin Dimock, Jennifer Pyburn, Lynette Papka, Jen Gordon, Ariane Taylen

### **Meeting called to order at 6:30pm**

#### **Introductions**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Checking Account \$5,531.64

Savings Account \$44.01

Classroom Carnival Checking \$4,946.48

Classroom Carnival Savings \$50.00

Budget Committee Summary of changes: Added funding for a Back to School Magnet (one / family), added back in ice cream social, added in Golden Apple into the Budget instead of being a misc. expense, removed NOVA from the expenses, removed family movie nights, added Family in Need, added Museum of the Rockies 2<sup>nd</sup> grade expense. Cressida gave a quick explanation of the new items. The Family in need, we will send a letter to teachers, meant to help families that are having serious health / money / life issues. We will be bumping the price of yearbooks next year to make them closer to breaking even. Ariane Taylen mentioned that Bri Scoville is willing to help with the yearbook as well.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Request – Mrs. Vergara & Mrs. Dimock**

They got a grant that got them one to one ipads next year in first grade. They want to move from the SeeSaw free version to the Basic version which is \$120/teacher. They have been using the free version for several years with great success, this will help them with report cards and standards next year as well. They would like to begin the subscription in August.

Ariane Taylen moved to grant their request, Mary Rose Swan seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor of funding.

#### **ANTS program – Dr. Henry**

Dr. Henry wanted to implement the ANTS program through the Audubon Society next year in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. She was able to secure funding for 2 of the 3 classrooms and wanted PTA to fund the final classroom. The program includes Fall / Winter / Spring field trips and classroom visits. Dr. Henry was willing to cover buses for the program but need \$1100.00 to fund the 3<sup>rd</sup> class.

Ariane Taylen moved to grant the request, Laura Lindseth seconded. Vote was in favor of approving funding.

## **Budget**

Discussed budget committee's proposed budget. Was suggested to bump the BoxTop budget to \$100 for shipping of BoxTops. We will continue to do free prizes as the classroom prize. Ariane Taylen thought we should increase the teacher appreciation budget, Jenny Jasper commented that since we had removed the Teacher Gift Baskets at the beginning of the year, we could add those additional funds back into the budget in that area. We will continue with yearbooks so we added the \$2000 for that back in the budget.

Jenny Jasper moved me accept the budget with changes noted above, Ariane Taylen seconded the motion. Vote was all in favor of it except for Mary Rose Swan who decented.

## **Elections & Annual meeting business**

Treasurer – (two year term) - elected Jennifer Pyburn

Secretary – (one year term to complete Monica Smith's term) – elected Katy Vergara

Vice President – Communications – no one chose to run for this position so it was dissolved.

Adjusted the standing rules to remove the VP of Communications from positions and to change the Treasurer's name.

## **Other news**

Dr. Henry informed us that there would be 3 classes in every grade level next year.

Discussion of forming a Fundraising Committee in the fall after our fall fundraiser to see if additional funds are needed for the year.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm**