

# PTO Meeting April 9th, 2019

**Attendees:** VP: Michelle Carr, VP: Alyssa Givens, Secretary: Dawn Marie Dean, Treasurer: Julie Shreck, Karen Strandt-Conroy, Kari Sanborn, Lisa Beeman, Briana McCarthy.

The meeting was called to order by Michelle at 6:10 pm.

March's Meeting Minutes were read by Dawn Marie. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Julie and seconded by Michelle.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Julie with an explanation of an additional page which tracks what teachers are spending PTO donations on. Dawn Marie motioned to approve the report, Michelle seconded.

## Committee Updates

### ~Yearbook~

- 🌂 The submission deadline is coming up within the next week.
- 🌂 The question was raised as to whether or not new student have been photographed for inclusion with class photos. The answer was not available at the time.

### ~Scrip~

- 🌂 Julie will be getting marketing information over spring break.
- 🌂 An old binder was found from when the program was extremely successful. There is a wealth of information, but it will take time to go through all of the information.
- 🌂 Order forms will be sent home before spring break so that some families can take advantage of this time to reach out to family they do not see on a regular basis.
- 🌂 It was reiterated that participating in the Scrip program raises funds without additional cost to participants. Gift cards are purchased a face value with no upcharge and a myriad are available so it is highly likely that everyone can find gift cards to purchase and use for items they would normally buy anyway. The profit comes from a discount provided by the retailers to the PTO, not from those paying for the gift cards. This is an easy way to support the school without spending extra money!

### ~Box Tops~

- 🌂 The Box Tops for Education program will, most unfortunately, going completely digital as of this coming June. Products will no longer have a physical Box Top to clip and store receipts will need

to be scanned using the Box Tops app. There have been promises of major improvements to the app, but the changes to come remain to be seen. It is hoped that this change will not cause a large loss of income for schools, however, it will be necessary to have a device capable of supporting the app to continue to collect Box Tops.

☂ Physical Box Tops will be honored until their expiration date, so please keep clipping!

### ~Milk Moola~

☂ Prior to the discontinuation of the program, 300 caps were sent in worth five cents each.

### ~Bucky Books~

☂ Books will hopefully be available for purchase at Back to School night.

☂ Julie will be meeting with the coordinator within the next couple of weeks to get the program rolling for the next school year.

☂ A reminder will be issued for those who have purchased Bucky Books this year to use their coupons. An example was given during the meeting how even though someone who had lost their Bucky Book within two months of purchasing it, the book still easily paid for itself without purchasing anything the person would not normally buy making it a very worthwhile purchase.

## Old Business

### Mother/Son Event

☂ The event needed more volunteers, but seemed to go well.

☂ There was an approximate income of \$500 from the event,

### Flower Basket Fundraiser

☂ All orders were turned in to the floral company last week.

☂ \$5,724 worth of baskets were sold for a profit of \$1,686.

☂ Two extra of each basket was ordered to have on hand.

☂ Pick-up will be Friday, May 10th from 2:30 until 4:00 and 5:00 until 6:00.

### School Supply Lists

☂ Mary Jo recently provided Mary Paul with the lists needed for school supply kits.

### Additional Money for Teachers and Grade Levels

- ☂ This topic was revisited due to an addition and to allow the chance for an official vote.
- ☂ In addition to the traditional funds given to teachers at the beginning of the year, two separate motions were made by Julie, seconded by Dawn Marie, and passed by a vote of eight in favor with none opposed to give the following money from PTO funds for distribution by Karen Strandt-Conroy:
  - \$100 to each teacher with an additional \$100 per grade level - a total of \$2,900.
  - \$200 will be given to each specials department - Gym, Art, Music, and Intervention - a total of \$800
- ☂ It is still encouraged that teachers with specific requests for funds bring their requests to the PTO board as it is understood that items necessary for the betterment of the educational experience of students may exceed the cost of the funds listed above.

## New Business

### Executive Board Nominations for the 2019-2020 School Year

- ☂ **Julie Shreck: PTO President**
- ☂ **Kari Sanborn: PTO Vice President**
- ☂ **Dawn Marie Dean: PTO Secretary and Vice President**
- ☂ **Michelle Carr: PTO Treasurer**
- ☂ Unless there are qualified write-in candidates at the May election, all candidates are running unopposed. To be able to run for a position on next year's board, a candidate must have attended this meeting unless the requirement is waived by a majority vote of the current Executive Board. Write-in candidates will have the chance to speak at the election meeting along with the above candidates, however, their candidacy will not be announced until the May election meeting and their names will not appear on the pre-printed ballots.

### Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6th through 10th

- ☂ The popular yogurt bar will be back!
- ☂ Sue Draves will be contacted to coordinate which days the PTO will participate.

- ☂ It was suggested that coffee pods be donated for the Keurig in the Teacher's Lounge as only tea as been observed.
- ☂ An online flyer and Sign-Up Genius will be created for parents who would like to donate items to show appreciation.

## Family Event

- ☂ An escape room and dodgeball event will be held on May 10th from 6pm-8pm.
- ☂ Several steps will be taken to ensure the disorganization of last year's escape room event are avoided.
- ☂ Families will be given assigned times to be at the escape room they will be participating in. The possibility of participating in a second room will depend on attendance.
- ☂ To keep the event running smoothly, quite a few volunteers will be needed. There was an incentive for volunteering during last year's escape room event, the incentive (TBA) will be even more worthwhile this year.

## Other Business

- ☂ It was noticed that most of this year's minutes have not been posted to the PTO webpage. It is believed that this is due to the way emails needed to be sent to those who receive the minutes via email and will be rectified by Dawn Marie.

Julie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm and Dawn Marie seconded.