

## Liberty Bell School PTA Board Meeting

11/9/2012

Denise Miller called the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

Board Members present: Denise Miller, Shawn Kressler, Connie Mantz, Patricia Allen, Amy Wilkins, Kim Adams

Mr. Samuel Hafner, Principal, was also in attendance.

### **School Business:**

\* Mr. Hafner opened the meeting with school news. He thanked the Fall Festival Committee and teachers who participated.

Liberty Bell had author, Kate Winters, for 3 assemblies.

Race for Education was changed to tomorrow, November 9th. He thanked the RFE Committee for all their hard work.

Next week is conference week with early dismissal.

The Scholastic Book Fair and Spanish Immersion book fair will take place next week.

The School Board will be meeting to discuss make up days. Mr. Hafner doesn't think the Governor will allow the State of Emergency to be an excuse to not make up the days.

Holiday Shoppe will be November 30th.

Holiday play will be December 6th & 7th.

Mr. Hafner introduced Mr. Martin from Food Services to discuss food allergies and special dietary needs.

Mr. Martin was told by Shawn K. that it was observed that the students would eat a few bites of their lunch, throw it away and go buy snack. Liberty Bell monitors are limiting snacks by monitoring the lunches. Shawn K. proposed having 2 snack days...Tuesday and Friday as ice cream day. Kristin Bruck asked what type of snacks are offered. Baked Doritos and Poptarts, Rice Krispie treats were mentioned.

Mr. Martin said that the school district doesn't make that much money on snacks. The government gives us specific guidelines as to what we can spend money on for food- such as chicken nuggets.

Jennifer J. asked about Quakertown School District. She heard that they make their own food. Mr. Martin knows the food service rep. and they basically have the same plan that Southern Lehigh uses. He said it is very time consuming for the cafeteria to make homemade food. We offer heat and serve options. He will take into consideration possibly having a meal or two made from scratch.

He also mentioned that the Chicken Turnovers are very popular but very fattening. The kids love them and tried to make them healthier, but the students were throwing them away. It was asked about cinni-minis and they will no longer be offered.

Mr. Martin uses the Nutri-kids program to analyze each menu. It will analyze the nutrition - sodium, fat, carbs, calories.

As a meat alternative - cheese and yogurt.

Shawn K. said that she and Mrs. Benner took a survey on the Bosco sticks and a large number of students went up for seconds which are considered a la carte. The school can regulate meals, but not a la carte.

The PTA members asked for healthier snack options like carrot sticks/fruit/pretzels/yogurt.

We asked if we can change ice cream vendors, but ice cream is put out for bids. We asked to supplement ice cream with fruit bars or frozen yogurt.

Jennifer J. requested that Liberty Bell offer snacks 2 times per week. Mr. Martin thanked the PTA and said he would look into our requests and do what he can. It will take time. The Nutri-kids information is on the SL website under Food Services.

Denise Miller introduced Vickie Maund to speak about Race For Education. Am Kindergarten/1st grade will race @ 9am. Everyone is welcome to come and watch or help out. They still need volunteers for 1:45 - 3. So far we raised \$16,000. A newsletter will go out after the race with pictures. Mr. Hafner will dress up like Jabba the Hut for the RFE party.

School Directory - went out. If there are any corrections, please let the committee know. Corrections will go out only once.

Book Fairs - Scholastic and Spanish Immersion will be during conference week. Spanish Immersion benefits the program with supplies, etc.

Holiday Shoppe - Friday, Nov. 30th from 6 pm - 8 pm. There will be a wrapping station, holiday movies, shopping for the children and vendors. We will be looking for food donations. A volunteer sheet will go home.

Treasurer's Report was reported by Patricia Allen - Kid Stuff brought in \$2900. Only one book didn't come back. We made \$1700 with Fall Festival.

Kim Adams reported on the Scrip gift cards - some will be available for purchase at the Holiday Shoppe.

A big thank you to Jennifer Johnson for running the school store.

Kristin Bruck questioned the no talking policy during lunch. Mr. Hafner said that Liberty Bell does not have a no talking policy. The lights are turned off to signal to the students to keep their voices down. Shawn K. said that the computer system has been down since the storm and the cafeteria workers need to have the students say their ID#s to purchase their lunches. If it's too loud, they can't hear the ID#s. Vickie M. thought that the atmosphere

at lunch seemed a little harsh. Mr. Hafner said he would take a closer look and spend some time in the cafeteria to investigate.

Denise Miller called the meeting adjourned @ 10:14 am.

No December meeting...next meeting in January 2013.