

PTA Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

Members Present: Sonny Lemmons, Catherine Ziets, Dawn Resch, Melissa Moffatt, Jennifer Hedden, Stacey Hostetter, Christina Wasem, Madi Capoccia, Tiffany Gyuricsko, Shauna Werling, Lori Limpar

I. Call to Order: Dawn called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. Approval of March 2016 Meeting Minutes: Dawn asked for a motion to approve. Melissa Moffatt approved, Tiffany Gyuricsko seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Report of Officers:

A. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Hedden)

1. Account Balances:
 - a) Checking balance as of 3/31/16: \$21,429.91
 - b) Savings balance as of 3/31/16:\$7,779.77
 - c) Total balance: \$29,209.68
2. Jennifer received an email from our insurance company AIM that we will have a new carrier next year.
3. Jennifer presented the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year.

B. President's Report (Jennifer Clemente)

1. There will not be a mother/son event this year because no one has volunteered to chair this event. Next year, there will be one event planned to include all children and their hero.

C. Principal's Report (Lori Limpar)

1. Ms. Limpar reviewed the structure for next year. As of right now, it looks like there will be 5 kindergarten sessions, 4 first grades, 5 second grades and 5 third grades.
2. Classroom placements: Placement is determined by principal, psychologist, reading specialist, classroom teacher and instructional support teacher. The strengths and needs of each child are reviewed. Academic and social factors are the primary determinants in placing each child. Parents who have unique concerns about their child's placement for next year may express them in a letter to the principal by May 1st.
3. Children should wear appropriate footwear, something secure, with straps. Flip flops are not recommended.
4. Spring Safety Reminders: Please have a discussion with your child about Hopewell CARES: Be nice, Be safe and encourage a discussion with your child about following bus rules.
5. Building update: Making progress. They are working on the interior finishing's now.
6. The board approved about \$60,000 for new furniture for the new school and will take the best furniture from Lower Milford and Hopewell.
7. Health room is always in need of clean clothes and gently used shoes.
8. Announcements:
 - a) 4/4, 4/5, 4/6: Kindergarten Registration @Liberty Bell by appointment
 - b) 4/5 & 4/12: 4H Club Presentation to Grade 3
 - c) 4/6: PTA Meeting @ 9:30 a.m.
 - d) 4/8: Report cards distributed
 - e) 4/8: Dance for Education
 - f) 4/11: Spirit Day: Wear favorite college attire
 - g) 4/12: First Grade field trip to DeSales (Sleeping Beauty)

- h) 4/12-4/21: Third Grade PSSA (ELA and Math)
- i) 4/28, 4/29: 3rd grade field trip to Historic Bethlehem
- j) April 28th is Take Your Child to Work Day: Please fill out an educational field trip request form if you are participating.
- k) The last day of school is Tuesday, June 7th which is a half day (12:15 dismissal and No Lunch).

IV. Report of Committees:

A. Fundraising (Dawn Resch)

1. Dance for Education will be this Friday, April 8th. There will be a DJ.
 - a) Dance Times:
AM Kindergarten and First Grade: 10:30-11:15
PM Kindergarten and 2nd Grade 1:50-2:30
Third Grade: 2:35-3:15
 - b) We are confident we will reach our goal of \$10,000. The first week alone we raised over \$4,000.
 - c) All students participating in the Dance-a-thon will be getting a rocker token and if we reach our goal of \$10,000 each family will get a Hopewell car decal.
 - d) We do need volunteers but clearances are required.
2. Iron Pigs Game is scheduled for June 14th which will be open to all three elementary schools.
 - a) 400 seats have been reserved (and we can get another 200 tickets if we need them).
 - b) That evening, the park will be giving away soccer balls to the first 1500 kids.
 - c) Forms will be going home next week. All children returning forms by April 22nd will be entered into a drawing to throw out the first pitch. Tickets cost \$10 and include a \$2 food/merchandise credit. No orders will be accepted after May 2nd.
3. Dawn Resch and Jen Hedden will be attending the Superintendent's Meeting next week. Dawn asked anyone if they have any ideas/topics to bring up. There was a suggestion for building snow days into the school calendar as to not take away from Spring break.

V. Old Business:

- A. Festival (Tiffany Gyuricsko) Sign up genius is created to sign up for volunteer spots for the festival.

VI. New Business:

Officers for the 2016-2017 School Year
President: Carla Stock
Vice President: Dawn Resch
Treasurer: Jennifer Hedden
Recording Secretary: Catherine Ziets
Corresponding Secretary: Shauna Werling
*Elections will take place at the next PTA meeting

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m.

VIII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine Ziets
Recording Secretary