

Liberty Bell School PTA Meeting

3/14/2013

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

Board Members present: Denise Miller, Shawn Kressler, Kim Adams, Connie Mantz, & Patricia Allen. Amy Wilkins was not present.

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

Special Speakers

Mr. Markley addressed the members and asked the PTA to sponsor a Summer Acting Camp to be held at Liberty Bell Elementary this summer. The camp would be co-run by Ms. Erin Jividen and her company and run for 3 separate weeks from 9am-1pm and an evening performance for that Friday. Having the support of the PTA will enable the camp to use the school during the summer hours. No additional PTA help will be needed unless we choose to. (ex: selling snacks at the performances) \$10.00 from every paying campers tuition will be donated to LB PTA, Inc.

Leigh Hansen, PTG President at the IS school spoke about parent involvement being needed at the IS and how to stay connected. Sapphire Web Portal is used, as is Blackboard Connect, and mass emails from Principle Farris. Looking for new Board Members to take over for next year.

School Business:

- Mr. Hafner spoke. He thanked everyone for helping with the 3rd grade play. It was a huge success and the children and staff did a great job. He said the last day of school as of now is June 7 2013. Mr.Hafner thinks the summer camp Mr. Markley pitched is a great idea and will back the PTA with sponsoring it. Mary Donohoe spoke very highly of Ms. Erin Jividens professionalism and has personally used her company for various classes for her children. Denise Miller motioned to vote on sponsoring the Acting Camp. Jennifer Johnson second it. Committee voted YES to move forward with the camp.
- Liberty Bell Supports You is hosting an Alex's Lemonade Stand the 2nd week in April- information to be sent home with students.
- Passport to the World is being held on Tuesday 4/23 from 12pm-3:30pm in the gym. We have 10 countries being represented so far.
- PSSAs are being held April 8-19th No student educational trips will be approved for those days.
- The new playground will be built in June because of the hazards of people/machinery during school hours. Students will be invited over the summer via email blast to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony when it is completed. This will enable leaving 3rd graders to participate in the opening and they can see how their hard fundraising efforts turned out.

- Budget- Patricia Allen reported the following: We made about \$100.00 selling snacks at our Bingo/Art Show evening. We were able to submit almost \$2000.00 in BoxTops for Education so far this year. School Store has made about \$150.00 for the year. Spirit Wear is up to about \$700.00 in profit for this year. The \$200.00 in profit from Mr.Markleys 3rd grade play will be put into Mr.Markleys budget towards next years production.
- Go for the Greens will be held this Friday from 11-1pm in the cafeteria with pears being our green food sample choice. Students will get a small sample during their lunch breaks.
- Scholastic Book Fair- Diana Inglis spoke about how it is being run differently than the Fall Fair was with no before school hours. Students will be able to shop within their library class timeslots. Online ordering will also be available with free shipping to the school. Still looking for some shifts to be filled for the week of 3/18-3/22.
- New Event: Donated Guess clothing will be the center of a Tea & Fashion show on Friday April 19th.- more info to follow.
- BJs memberships paperwork will go home soon. Cost is \$40.00 for the year plus 3 extra months. (with a \$10.00 savings off cost) LB PTA gets \$5.00 for each membership sold. Melinda Behrens has agreed to oversee this.
- Teacher Appreciation- Looking for someone to chair this committee and start planning. Meeting today to work out some details.
- Spring Festival: Friday May 17th 5pm-8pm. Students are being asked to make donations of items so raffle baskets can be made. Flier will be sent home. Talked about NO prizes being given out to the

students. Most parents in attendance agreed a sticker would be sufficient and don't want more "stuff" given out. This will save the PTA money and manpower.

- Looking for interested people for next years PTA Board.

Denise called the meeting adjourned at 10:10am.