

# **Liberty Bell PTA Meeting**

## **September 11 2014**

Board Members Present: Patty Spitzer, Kathryn Sarnoski, Angela Ast, Melinda Behrens, Kyle Gangwere, Laura Rush, and Principal Sam Hafner

Patty Spitzer opened meeting at 9:20am

The new PTA Board was introduced.

Patty encouraged parents to consider shadowing a board member if you are interested in being on the board next year. See Patty if you are interested.

### Race For Education

Connie Mantz presented on our biggest fundraiser, which has helped us to eliminate many other fundraisers. The funds for this year's project will go toward working toward a new school sign that can be updated regularly with school events. These funds also help toward field trips, starting to save for a playground and expanding our outdoor classroom.

She requested help after meeting to prepare folders for distribution. She will need people to address labels in the near future.

### Budget

Melinda Behrens presented on the budget. She noted that we will be working at a deficit this year due to more money needed upfront to get the outdoor classroom up and running and there is a balance of \$30,000 of available fund for use.

Melinda requested 2 qualified people to do an audit of PTA's books to please send her an email. This needs to be completed by end of December.

### Principal Report

Welcomed new families and apologized he could not do home visits this year to new families due to late decisions around kindergarten that were out of his hands.

Open house tonight at 7pm

Liberty Bell is going to start using "sign up genius" to sign up for conferences. Paper will be going home today to explain more. This may be used for other things as well if it works out well.

Mr. Hafner was asked about spring conferences. He has not received official word about if we are or are not having spring conferences.

Picture Day will be next Tuesday September 16.

Mr. Hafner discussed various safety drills that will be happening throughout the year.

### A Thank You

Mr. Markley displayed liberty bells new sound system and talked about the major improvements. He thanked the PTA as this was a purchase last year from the money we received from collecting box tops.

### Facebook Liberty Bell PTA Page

Kyle talked about this FB page being new this year and just a place to post happenings and questions for parents of students of Liberty Bell. Information posted would be in addition to other forms of communication. This page may be more likely to be used for reminders. She will keep it open until December and then make it a closed group that you can only join by invitation or by and accepted request.

### Kidstuff

Laura Rush presented on Kidstuff fundraiser starting next week. Informed new parents about what the book is and how much it is. She requested anyone available and willing to stay afterward to help put bags together for students to take home on Friday.

### Directory

Diana Inglis is putting this together and is hoping all forms will be in on Friday September 12. The directory will be in electronic form again this year.

### Membership

Patty mentioned memberships can be purchased for \$7. There was a question about utilizing other parent school associations and Patty encouraged anyone who was interested in researching other associations and how to 'divorce the PTA'. She welcomes them to do so, the fine print on this is difficult to sort through and make sense of.

### Box Tops

Rebecca Dawson-Davis presented and will be sending out a request for box tops soon. Please make sure they have not expired.

We are not doing labels for education. Kyle Gangwere noted that we need a lot of labels for something worthwhile and you need to select from a catalog. Someone noted that the IS still collects them and we can send any we may get to them.

### School Store

There was an announcement yesterday to the students that school store was today, that was a mistake. It will start October. It will usually be on the same day as the PTA

meeting. Everything for next school store is already ordered and ready to go. Bethanie Lerch will be overseeing this.

### Miler

Patty explained Miler being a walk /run incentive for kids at recess. We need parents to volunteer. A coordinator is still needed if you are interested please send Melinda an email.

### Volunteer Forms

They are still coming in, keep sending them in!

### Fall Festival

Alison Ackerman presented on this event which will occur Friday evening, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Committee will be using 'sign up genius' for volunteers. Need volunteers to run the games or they will not be available.

\*Kyle reminds all committee chairs to use the 'blue moon' volunteers! \*

There will be a costume contest and pumpkin carving contest and some new things this year!

### Holiday Shop

Gina DeNave offered a nice breakfast in her home for anyone willing to join her to help with this event! She asked if you know a crafter to let her know. She asked if you have anything to donate for the raffle gift baskets, to please drop it off at the office.

### Passport to the World

Angela Ast talked about this fun and educational event which will be in the spring. Talked about what it is, setting up the gym with different countries represented by different families with a heritage from that part of the world. She will need volunteers to make this a success. Please let Angela know if you can share something about your heritage for this event or if you have any questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10am

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Rush  
Recording Secretary

