

R.C. Lindsey PTO

Date: Friday, 11/5/10

Place: Lindsey MPR

Meeting called by: PTO Meeting
Note Taker: Ann Allegretti, Secretary
Meeting Time: Call to order at 9:03 a.m.
Attendance: 11

Opening:

Motion to wave the reading of the October, 2010 meeting minutes by Sharon Luther.

Treasurers Report

- Income is \$25,026.67 with expenses to date of \$18,914.99.
- Ladies night income is approximately \$620.40 with 3 vendors that still need to submit money. Expenses were \$250 plus advertising. We will be short of budgeted income of \$500.
- Family Fun Day profit was approximately \$650. Financially same as if we did at night.
- Book Fair generally breaks even.

Money is still tight. Need to stick to budgets.

Dr. Diringer

- Thank you for those that supported the bond issue. Very concerned about this bond not passing. Funds from a bond issue can only be used for what they are designated for. This bond was for improvements to the districts buildings. If improvements are needed, we will have to go to the general fund since this bond did not pass. The message out there is that it is tough. We need to look at renewals and also seeking new dollars. There will be reductions next year. The old bond comes off in 2012. Need renewal for bond in 2012. There will also be levy plus additional funds is also due.
- Main focus of this meeting is food service. The district pays out \$200,000 additional for the shortfall in food service. This area is overstaffed. The workers are district employees but the management is a 3rd party company. We need to make this better or the district will take the management back. In the 90's the district outsourced the management of food service to make it better.
- Input from parents is as follows: vegetables are cold, only milk is an option some kids are allergic to milk, snacks available everyday (not healthy), the kids are not required to take a vegetable (which they are paying for). It was recommended that the vegetable be given not asked if they want it. Also mentioned that the menu is always the same.
- Input from **Gary Bland** from The Nutrition Group Foodservice Company – parents can send in note that snacks are not permitted to come off individual account funds. The schools place orders in the morning and all food is prepared at the high school and brought over. There are choices of mini salad and raw carrots and celery. Gary mentioned that he could do a survey asking parents what they want to see on the menu. The Nutrition Group has a registered dietician on staff that reviews the menus. They have government standards that must be met. West Geauga schools do not get a lot of commodities food from the government like other less fortunate school districts. Gary appreciated the parents input into foodservice.

Mr. Bernacki

- Thank you to Family Fun Day chairs and all the volunteers. Positive feedback from this fun day. Many suggested that we start later in the day such as 12 – 4. Weather was great but there was Plan B if weather wasn't good. Having it on a Saturday gave the parents more time to set up and take down.
- Book Fair will be open during Conferences on Wednesday night and Thursday. Thursday is a half day and no school on Friday.
- Picture retake day is Wednesday, November 10th. Can still buy yearbook in January. It is not too late. Spring pictures will be by Moeller.
- 3rd Grade OAA due 11/19. Parents will get results at the end of November.
- November 11th Veterans program. Activities afterwards to honor Veterans. 5th Graders are performing.
- Library has new carpet.
- 3rd Grade Mrs. Mikes class will be going on the Polar Express due to a program with United Way and National parks. Trip is scheduled for December 1st. The other two classes staying behind will be able to do something special to be determined.

Chairperson Reports

- Book Fair –Sally Contizano – fair runs 11/3 – 11/12. It will be open during conferences Coin Wars is going well. Kids are excited about it. Pennies and dollars are positive and silver is negative. Scholastic will match dollars. We will get books for the library or the classrooms. Need help rolling coins!
- Box Tops – Lynn Zagorski – Ms. Smith classroom won the contest. We collected \$2,100 box tops, which is short of normal \$3,000 that we collect for the first contest. There are more products that have box tops too.
- Family Fun Day – Lisa Berardinelli – Thank you to everyone for helping. People seemed to enjoy themselves. Came in under budget. Magician was bad. Thanks to Michaela Harbert for doing a great job with all the decorations. Kids loved making the scarecrows.
- Family Nights – Kelly Walker - Doing “Minute to Win It” theme. Need help with this event. Event is scheduled for Friday, January 21st.
- Holiday Shop – Laurie Roth and Sarah Mann – Need to shop more. Scheduled for December 6th – 10th. Need wrapping paper donations. Volunteers will be notified.
- Junior Great Books – Debbie Kreuz – Response from 2nd and 3rd graders is great. Response from 4th and 5th graders is slower. We want kids that are interested in books and reading! Thank you Debbie for taking this on!
- Ladies Night – Report given by Lynn. Do not recommend doing this again. We had approximately 60 people in attendance and more were from the community than from our school. It is a lot of work and not a lot of interest. Those that did attend had a lovely time.
- Market Day – Becky Edwards – (not present – Information given by Ann Allegretti) – We will do the Pennies for Pies promotion in December. Becky didn’t want to compete with the Coin Wars for the Book Fair. We will put collection bins in each classroom and the classroom that collects the most pennies will get a treat! With all the pennies collected, we will buy pies and donate them to local churches, food banks and even some Lindsey families that are in need. Last year we were able to order 12 pies that were given to local churches and food banks for the Thanksgiving holiday. This year we will hopefully do the same or better and give something for the Christmas holiday. More information will go out soon.
- Membership – Lynn Zagorski and Debbie Kreuz – We are closer to our numbers. We have 340 families and would like 100% participation!

Old Business

- PTO directory is at the printer.
- Classroom Parties – All went well. 5th grade had a party in the gym. Kids liked it...parents did not like the mosh pit dancing. Winter parties will be a movie in the gym. Grades 3, 4 & 5 will watch Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Grades K, 1 & 2 movie not decided yet. Popcorn, candy and drink will be provided by PTO.
- Bylaws – Committee will meet in the next week of two. Biggest change will be privacy policies. Will have report by the December meeting. We will present in December and then vote on any changes at the February meeting (no meeting in January).
- Skating Party – Scheduled for Tuesday, November 23rd. Admission will be 5 box tops or \$1.00.

New Business

- Jim Garling Retirement – Jim is our daytime custodian at Lindsey. He is retiring on December 17th. He has been employed by the district for 30 years. He has never taken a sick day since he started. The only time he has missed was when his parents died! Talk about dedication. He does a lot for the school and PTO. Before our next PTO meeting on December 3rd we would like to do a PTO reception for Jim. We would like to do this reception at 8:00 a.m. We would also like to get him a gift of \$50 from PTO. We may do a letter asking parents if they would like to donate too. Staff at the school is also doing something. Lynn will ask Mrs. Rodin for ideas. Ann will ask Laura Smith and Tamara Brininger about what we did when Mr. Hill retired. More details to come.

Announcements

- PTO Book Fair - November 3rd - 12th
- $\frac{1}{2}$ Day school - Thursday, November 11th - NO School -Friday, November 12th
- Market Day Pick up - Monday, November 15th - 3:00 - 4:15 pm
- Skating Party - Tuesday, November 23rd
- Thanksgiving Holiday - Wednesday, November 24th - Friday, November 26th
- Next PTO Meeting - Friday, December 3rd - 9:00 am

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. Motion by Sharon Luther

Respectfully submitted by Ann Allegretti