

R.C. Lindsey PTO

Date: Friday, 2/4/11

Place: Lindsey MPR

Meeting called by: PTO Meeting
Note Taker: Ann Allegretti, Secretary
Meeting Time: Call to order at 9:07 a.m.
Attendance: 17

Opening:

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

Treasurers Report

- Income is \$43,941.42 with expenses to date of \$36,099.73.
- Remaining portion of expenses from February – July is approximately \$10,000. We need \$16,000 for start up for next year. There is not a big carryover. We are tight on funds. We need to streamline things. Carryover includes large purchase for school. Not in bad shape but we are watching every penny. Book fair money comes in and goes out. Sources of revenues are market day and box tops.

Money is still tight. Need to stick to budgets. Overall doing ok.

Dr. Diringer

- All Day Kindergarten – Current law is public schools have to offer to all and can't charge tuition. If this law remains, we can apply for a waiver to not offer all day. Grendall is trying to go back to the way it was of offering all day with charging tuition. If we don't offer all day, two teachers will need to be released. Confident that it will pass. All teachers will be notified by April.
- Calamity Days – laws changed to 3 days in 2010/2011 school year. We already have used 4 days. Pressure in Columbus to change back to 5 days. First 5 days after the initial 3 must be made up. June 10th is already figured into our calendar. Hoping to go back to 5 days. We offer 6 hours of instruction per day. We are currently over the state standard of 5 hours of instruction per day. Some votes are due next week.
- Reduction Planning - \$750,000 budget reduction for next year. Teachers, staff, supplemental contracts (coaches), operations all impacted by these reductions. Increase in book fees. No money on the horizon. State funding is being reduced. More details ordered by board. Working on the details.
- Levy May 3rd – attempting a levy for May 3rd. Bond is a loan upfront and paid back over 28 years. This is a Permanent Improvement Levy. This will be used for repairs to the buildings. It is a .95 million levy. Cost per year is \$29 per 100K of home. Suggestion was raised to break down the cost per day per child. The high school water problem needs to be addressed. Roofing improvements to grade schools. We have been doing piece repairs. Maybe some technology improvements, bus purchases. 80% of voters do not have children in our schools. We need to get their help and support. If we don't get the levy, we will keep piece mailing these improvements. More details on food service issues in the next month or so. Need volunteers to help with efforts for the levy.
- Suggestion was raised to put bullet points in newspaper explaining what needs to be done. We can advertise the levy at the Kiwanis Pancake breakfast and other school events.
- November we will be looking at a 5.6 renewal levy. 2012 is a general election year.

Mr. Bernacki

- Board meeting is Monday, 2/28 at 7:00 pm. School budget cuts will be discussed. Please attend if possible.
- Field trips will be cut, hoping PTO will pick up some of the expenses to keep field trips. Porter Science is funded by PTO. Transportation will need to be paid for field trips. We have to pay for mileage, driver's hours, and gas.
- In Washington DC for Education in Ohio and Nationally. Discussed Kindergarten issues and school funding.
- Question was asked if we invite the board members to our school events. We will invite them to Donuts at Dawn and the school play.
- We will do some long term planning with PTO to keep these activities open to the children.
- Upcoming events: Book Fair and Lunch with a Loved One. Valentines will still be exchanged for kids. Teachers will work this in. 5th graders going to see the Little Mermaid at Playhouse Square. On 2/16 the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders who qualified for the Presidential Physical Fitness test are going to see the Lake Erie Monsters. 30 kids will be attending.
- Conferences are on the 17th from 5 -8 p.m. 18th is early dismissal at 11:00. 21st is President's Day – No School. 2nd graders are taking the Iowa Coggats Test. 1st graders are going to the Art Museum. Midterm progress reports sent home on 2/25.
- New additions to the Lindsey family, Mrs. Harrison is due in March, Mrs. Cunningham is due in March and Mrs. Hocevar is due in August.

Chairperson Reports

- Book Fair –Theresa Kulp/ Sally Contizano (not present setting up for the fair) Book Fair runs from 2/7 – 2/14. May stay open on the 15th.
- Box Tops – Lynn Zagorski - Collecting goes through 2/25. Keep saving box tops.
- Donuts at Dawn – Danielle Pitcock (not present)- Thursday March 3rd and Friday March 4th. Donuts donated by Patterson’s – 400 per day. Need 4-5 volunteers per day. Be at school by 6:30a.m.
- Lunch with a Loved One – Feb. 14th – kids will still have time to pass out Valentine’s in the classroom. Need helpers at 8:30 to set up. Placemats for everyone. Room parents and helpers that signed up will be notified. Can eat with your child if you are helping. Shannon Gamiere is making treats. All will be bagged. Book fair has activities planned such as a sucker pull and raffle. Mr. Bernacki has a DVD player that he will raffle off. The proceeds will go to field trips. \$1.00 per ticket. Cafeteria will offer parents lunch if they preorder and send in money with their child. Popcorn chicken and homemade chili. Children will go to lunch first and can go outside if they want after lunch. McDonald’s will be notified by putting extra staff on that day.
- PTO Appreciation Nights – Thanks to Kelly Walker, Becky Edwards and Sarah Mann and all the helpers for a great evening. The kids had fun!
- Junior Great Books – Debbie Kreuz – in the 5th week of program. 2nd and 3rd Graders having a great time. Discussions are really good.
- Market Day – Becky Edwards – Cookie Month – classroom who sells most # of boxes will get a cookie party.

Old Business

- Classroom Parties – winter parties – Poll was taken that day and the kid’s response was they liked it. 10% didn’t like it. The kids were with their friends and that is what matters. Younger kids – movie was too long. May do smaller groups next year.
- Bylaws – Two copies presented. One copy is the March 4, 2008 version and one copy is the Revised March 4, 2011 version. Biggest change was cannot use roster and directory for private use. Credit card purchases over \$1,000.00 must be approved by President. We will send both copies out via email to the PTO members. Voting on revised bylaws will be in March.
- 5th Grade DVD – coming along nicely!
- Additional Fundraisers – Danny Boy’s – email proposal complete, trying to find a day/night. 20% of purchases will go to Lindsey PTO. Also looking at Chuck E Cheese’s. They will do 15% of purchases. Good for the younger children. Also will look at Mexican restaurant in Chesterland. Waldameer also send literature. We will finalize details and let everyone know. Rummage sale was brought up. All extra money will be used for field trips. Also doing a golf outing for Lindsey PTO. Steak Dinner to follow. Need 18 groups of 4. More details to follow.

New Business

- Nominating committee – Becky Edwards, Sharon Luther and Laurie Roth will volunteer for this committee. Treasurer position is open since Debbie's term is up. If you are interested in running, see one of the Nominating Committee members. In March slate of officers will be presented.
- Young Authors – PTO pays for portion of the author visiting our school. April 6th – Mr. Tom Birdseye will visit. He is the author of such books as Storm Mountain, A Tough Nut to Crack and Eye of the Stone. Kids will have different activities. Order forms are coming home soon to purchase books. Books purchased in advance will be signed by Tom.

Announcements

- A. Book Fair - February 7th - 14th
- B. Market Day Pick up - Monday, February 14th - 3:00 - 4:15 pm
- C. Lunch with a Loved One - Monday, February 14th
- D. February 18th - $\frac{1}{2}$ day of school
- E. February 21st - no school - President's Day
- F. Next PTO Meeting - Friday, March 4th at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m. Motion by Sharon Luther

Respectfully submitted by Ann Allegretti