

## **PTA Meeting 12/08/16**

Attendees:

Nancy Haynes  
Michelle Jespersen  
Mary Lewandoski  
Nikki Shilton  
Sarah Spach  
Samantha Zerbel  
Alicia Barnaby  
Ryan Huppert  
Stacy Gray

### **Principal's Update from Mr. Huppert**

Music Concert still on for tonight-glad it wasn't canceled due to weather!

We have a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Information Night scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Potential incoming Frost families will get a chance to check out what the MS/HS has to offer and take tours. On a related note, we need to find a way to invite all other elementary Frost families over in February.

Gym is considered officially done. Most of the building is set minus a couple little details here and there. Some discussion regarding the gym floor as a group. This is the first gym floor built in the district in at least 10 years which may be a factor. The thought is the floor may feel a little dead with regards to some activities (such as dribbling a basketball) because we do not have any gyms in the district built with layers of shock absorbers. Concussions were not as much of a thought previously which led to the changes and more tests are going to be run to make sure it is functioning as intended by the district. The district has given clearance to use it now but may need to double check before using it for full on sports. The first test is scheduled for this Friday. Also mentioned the acoustics are not so ideal, maybe could use more noise dampeners? Will get an idea tonight at concert!

Monday Mr. Huppert has a marketing meeting for setting up an official MS/HS Facebook page, Twitter account, Instagram, and MS/HS Website. Super excited to finally be able to get these going and show some of the great activities going on at MS/HS Frost! District Facebook pages will likely want/okay official elementary page and official MS/HS page, differing final call to communications department.

The school store is open! Came together well thanks to volunteers and PTA. Not expecting the store to be quite profitable yet, bonus if it is down the road. The store is meeting the need of the students which was the main goal.

There are lots of cool things happening in the ravines. Invasive species being pulled, trail work getting done, the kids are fired up!

### **Treasurer's Report**

We have had a few checks going out for staff appreciation, PTA dues, and school store initial set up expenses (paper, drinks, pickles, snacks, CA Frost Logo hats). The school store has also deposited a check, expecting profits soon!

Based on initial wreath sales we have approximately \$370 coming in. Still waiting to see if any money from the remaining wreaths will be added to that total.

Opening Balance			\$23,420.95
Check #1015	Barnaby	Staff Appreciation	-63.40
Check #1016	Haynes	State & Nat. Dues	-40.00
Check #1017	Vizard	School Store	-660.60
Deposit	Vizard	School Store	\$270.81
Ending Balance			\$22,927.76

Need to finalize raffle license application for Earth Week. Working on a few last details. Hoping to get it done by the end of February. Also closer to getting the number required to obtain the license. Nancy has resent all the info with the minutes from the budget and bylaw meetings.

### **Fundraising**

The Harmony House Fundraiser still needs to be followed up. The elementary is waiting for us to set a date first since Harmony wants to set the MS/HS event first. The owners are the VanDykes so they should be contacted. Curious if we can do both locations? Profits to MS/HS but invite all Frost families. Teachers host? Great meet and greet event to bring two buildings together! Nikki has offered to follow up asking what would work for them. Will come back with dates if possible. This year with no fundraisers specific to bring funds in for the PTA money raised here will be raised for the PTA.

Thinking ahead, in the coming years we should split profits made with the Fall Fest 50/50 with half going to the grades for camp and the other half going to the PTA.

Possible look into doing the Michigan Pies fundraiser in the future. Huge fundraiser for Blandford and other area schools. Takes many volunteers to support this.

Switchback needs more promotion. What used equipment we donate can offset new equipment they sell to us at cost. They even take items such as bikes!

Babysitting to raise money split 50/50 between students who help to offset their personal camp cost and the PTA. Possibly get this up and running for Valentines date night (the week of, not necessarily the exact date). There are a lot of moving pieces with this one. Need a lead but most are uninterested in taking that responsibility with the concern over liability issues. The positive is there are many parents interested in volunteering along side their student if we get this going. Started on registration/liability form drafts.

Samantha offering to see if she could have some more knowledgeable help check the drafts out and see if LOOP might be helpful here as well. If liability is covered there is interest in the lead position.

Poker Night suggested. Easy but license required just like raffle. It would be us as the non-profit sponsoring it elsewhere. Maybe the new nature center being built at Blandford? Mr. Huppert knows someone to contact and will follow up on this one.

### **Earth Week**

Will not actually take up the entire week. Earth Week will primarily be focusing on big events Thursday through Saturday.

A Symposium Thursday night with food (profits for reducing camp), a raffle (profits for PTA), and Earth wear (profits for reducing camp). The Earth wear will be specially designed by the art students.

The Walk a Thon would be Friday's focus. Money raised going to Environmental themed Outdoor Learning Camp Equipment (name is a work in progress). Only students who raise \$25 or more may participate in Richmond Park walk and all day event. Maybe walk there then bus back?

Adopt A Highway on Saturday should be in the state pick up window. Students can get some volunteer hours and rounds out week nicely.

Throughout the week can work in some invasive species pulls as well.

Want to start advertising much sooner. Hoping to send pledge sheets home the first week of February. Can talk up camp and new gear to raise the students' excitement levels. Should be a fun week!

We need a team of volunteers who will work with Ms. Lew. **There will be a meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> 2017, email [lewandoskim@grps.org](mailto:lewandoskim@grps.org) if interested in attending for details.**

5:07pm meeting adjourned