



November PTC General Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Cindy Mastro at 6:34 p.m.

Mimi Magadia led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Past Minutes – A motion was made by Nicole Owston to approve the minutes from the Oct 2013 meeting “as presented on the PTC website”. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Haas. The motion was passed unanimously.

Financial Review/School Budget – Diane Hillburn presented a quick financial review. The Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet were both distributed and briefly discussed. Mr. Murphy briefly discussed our school budget and general expenditures. He explained what budget money Blue Oaks receives and how it is spent. He explained the guidelines surrounding how certain amounts of money can only be spent on certain things. He encouraged any parents with questions about our budget or spending to please talk to him directly. His philosophy focuses on transparency of spending and being fiscally conservative; to the benefit of our kids.

Electronic Marquee – The electronic marquee has been ordered, paid for, painted, is drying and will be shipped at the end of next week.

Pop Ups – The Blue Oaks branded pop up tent has been purchased/delivered and looks really nice.

Taxes – Our taxes have been completed and filed by Cindy Mastro.

Program Updates

Box Tops/eScript (Debbie Melvin) – Debbie submitted a portion of our Box Tops for the Nov. 1st deadline. We have earned \$351.30 so far. We will have a lot more to submit for the Feb 1st deadline. She reminded everyone that the Box Tops need to be cut out neatly and can not be expired. She explained that job of cutting/sorting/counting can be time consuming. Cindy suggested using our “at home helpers” to help with the cutting/counting. Amber McNinch volunteered to look into the “Labels for Education” program (a separate program) for our school. Safeway has changed the way they give us credit for eScript so Debbie was going to research other stores for our school (Target/Raley’s).

Dinners Out (Amy Wilson) - The next Dinner Out will be at Skipolini’s on Tues. 11/19. There will be a competition for the class with the most attendees.

Mixed Bags (Malena Madrigal) – Malena reported that we hit our fundraising goal of \$5K. Individual & class winners will be announced on Mon. 11/18. Delivery will take place on Tues., 12/3. Volunteers are needed to help distributed the bags.

Holiday Shop (Cindy Mastro/Nicole Owston) – The sample gifts for this fundraiser have arrived. There will be a preview walk-thru on Wed. 12/4. The kids will shop 12/11 – 12/13. Volunteers are needed to help the kids shop.

Skate Night (Tracy Terry-Sells) – The next Skate Night is on Wed. 12/11. The 2nd grade will decide the theme.

Spiritwear (Nicole Owston/Beth Wells) – All outstanding orders have been filled. We have new small flower clips with bear charms (\$7) for sale (made by a Blue Oaks parent). We have ordered sweatshirt sizes for winter inventory. We are looking at ordering pajama bottom pants for a holiday/winter item.

Staff Appreciation (Amber McNinch) – The staff holiday luncheon will be on Thurs. 12/12. Amber will be sending a SignUp genius website link out to volunteers.

Volunteers – Volunteers are needed for both Mixed Bag distribution on 12/3 and the Holiday Shop 12/11 – 12/13. Please see links in the eNewsletter to sign up.

Teacher Reports – The teachers reported on each grade level and gave updates on upcoming fieldtrips, classroom activities, projects and academics for TK – 5th grade.

Principal Report – Mr. Murphy talked about what our Common Core assessments will look like in the future. It will be an interesting transition for our students because the testing will all be online. Our teachers are working hard on this transition to the Common Core. This year our students will take a pilot math or language arts test (which test is yet to be decided) but no scores will be reported. Next year, our students will take both tests (no scores reported). The year after that, scores will be reported. There are sample tests available online now for review. Reminder: Our report cards will be against our “old” standards, however teachers are being asked to already teach the “new” common core, keep that in mind when attending your parent/teacher conferences. There will be a “lockdown drill” during recess sometime in the near future, as this is one safety precaution that has not been practiced. Mr. Murphy played the most recent Broadcast Club video.

Open Floor – No items were raised.

Raffle winners were picked.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.