

FARMINGDALE PARENT TEACHER CLUB (PTC)

MEETING MINUTES (draft for approval)

September 12, 2017, 6:30 pm

Farmingdale Elementary School

Attendance: Liz Brown-Reeves (presiding), Christine Blinn, Lauren Coleman, Emily Guthrie, Elizabeth Johnson, Rachel Price (recording), Michelle Stehling, Jenny Leinberger, Jamie Yates, Christine Hage, Cassandra Hopkins, Cori Jahns, Tricia Kinner, Jennifer Nass, J' Amy Payne, Angela Vincent

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Liz Brown-Reeves, President, at 6:30 p.m. Liz welcomed everyone.
- II. MINUTES – Rachel Price, Recording Secretary
 - a. Approval of minutes from May 18, 2017. Motion to approve: 1st: L. Coleman, 2nd: J. Leinberger. Motion carried. Minutes Approved.
 - b. Approval of minutes from August 15, 2017. Motion to approve: 1st: C. Blinn, 2nd: M. Stehling. Motion carried. Minutes Approved.
- III. OFFICER REPORTS
 - A. Treasurer, Elizabeth Johnson: \$108,297.57 in assets with 67,272.33 budgeted for expenditures. \$41,025.24 remaining.
 - a. New revenue includes Amazon Smile (\$24), McTeacher Night from spring (\$845) and a small amount from costume sales from the Party City donation.
 - b. The \$15,000 set aside for the playground flooring was placed in a money market savings account, which will yield higher interest. This type of savings was also suggested by the auditor.
 - c. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report: 1st: E. Guthrie, 2nd: L. Coleman. Motion carried. Minutes Approved.
 - B. 1st Vice President, Emily Guthrie: No report.
 - C. 2nd Vice President, Lauren Coleman: The new parent night had a good turnout with some follow-up correspondence.
 - D. Corresponding Secretary, Michelle Stehling: The newsletter went out today and the next will sent in early October with new content.
- IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Summer Reading Program, Heidi Rhoades. Liz reported that the prizes (gift cards, bags of goodies) will be distributed and the winners from each grade were announced in the newsletter (Vivian Sevtovia, Bill Blinn, Henry Waters, Carson Niemerg).
 - B. Art Outreach, Angie Spann. Liz reported that we had a great return on the volunteer form. Volunteers are still needed for Belden, Dodd, Zadara, and Haddock classes. Angie will be attending a "training" at the Springfield Art Association.
 - C. Room Parent, Emily Guthrie / Christine Blinn. A meeting was held last Wednesday, September 6th with many new faces. All classes have room parents and a few are waiting on class project/basket volunteers. Emily will check the times of parties and email room parents. The fourth grade parents are considering a progressive party to help with planning.
 - D. Fall Fundraiser, Liz Brown-Reeves/Heather Nestler. The fall fundraiser is underway and there have been lots of buyouts. The forest friend prizes arrived. The top 25 sellers will have a skating party.
 - E. Monthly Staff Appreciation, Kari Brewer/ Rachel Schallenberg. Teachers received caramel apples for this month and next month's appreciation is being planned.
 - F. Family Fun, Christine Blinn/Jessica Podany. PTC will host a family fun night at Bomke's Patch on October 6th from 6-10 pm. There will be a hayride and night maze, with concessions and a play area.
 - G. Trunk or Treat, Christy Denney. Trunk or Treat will be held on October 29th from 4:30-5:30. We need people to host trunks. Several ideas for local businesses/organizations were discussed.

H. Carnival, Lauren Coleman/Michelle Stehling. A planning meeting will be held Thursday night at 7:00 at Corner Pub. The theme is Western and changes include a train ride, an outdoors game, and some bigger prizes. Aztca will provide a food truck. Mrs. Ring cannot create the photo backdrop this year, so Jennifer Nass volunteered to help.

I. Glow Run/ 5K, Linda Wolters. The Glow Run will be held on October 14th on the Farmingdale campus (not PPMS). Details will be sent home in a flyer.

V. OLD BUSINESS (Approved Spending)

A. The playground fund money has been set aside in a separate account.

B. Mr. Yates will order two buddy benches (budget \$2000).

C. Mr Yates will order technology items – 50 chromebooks, carts, management license, ipads & carts, 6 projectors & mounts. He is also looking at two 32-in. flatscreen TVs to display announcements, etc.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Our PTC bylaws are outdated and need to be revised. A committee to review and revise the bylaws was formed: L. Brown-Reeves, R. Price, C. Blinn, L. Coleman.

B. An audit committee was formed to review expenses for the past year: L. Brown-Reeves, R. Price, C. Hopkins, C. Jahns.

C. Mr. Yates will send out an email with instructions for Amazon Smile.

D. Elizabeth Johnson has taken the Farmingdale secretary position, and has resigned as PTC Treasurer. Rachel Price has volunteered for Treasurer. E. Guthrie made a motion for R. Price as Treasurer, 2nd: J. Leinberger. Motion approved.

E. Cassie Hopkins volunteered as Recording Secretary to replace Rachel. L. Coleman made a motion to approve C. Hopkins, 2nd: E. Johnson. Motion Approved.

F. Bergner's requested we sell cards. After discussion, PTC will not take part.

G. Liz will purchase a thermometer poster to show fundraising efforts (will start with \$15k of \$75k for playground flooring).

VII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE, Mrs. Jenny Leinberger

A. The teachers were appreciative of the caramel apples.

B. Teachers are looking at the UIS Class Acts. Kindergarteners will skip this year and the 3rd grade class may look at a Hoogland event.

C. Jenny will survey the teachers for teacher-sponsored activities for bidding at the fall fundraiser.

D. The kids are excited about forest friends!

VIII. PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS, Mr. Jamie Yates

A. Mr. Yates confirmed that PTC announcements are coming from his office in a timely manner.

B. Mr. Yates would like some male parents to attend PTC meetings and events.

C. Parent night went well and it's expected that it will be a bigger event in future years.

A. There have been a couple of bus accidents with no serious injuries. Due to some congestion, buses will be loaded a little earlier (before PPMS).

B. The fall fundraiser assembly went well. Upcoming: starter strings, boy scouts, and girl scouts. The kids did great at the 2nd fire drill and the armed code red drill was postponed until September 26th.

C. The Principal Advisory Committee will be formed this year – will address topics such as homework expectations, standards-based report cards, and curricular issues.

D. Elizabeth Johnson is the new school secretary and Cassie Kimes has taken a position at the Bus Barn.

E. The Chuck E Cheese lunch will be Oct. 3rd. Midterm is Friday and end of 1st quarter is Oct. 13th.

IV. Motion to ADJOURN by E. Guthrie and 2nd by J. Payne. Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next PTC Meeting – Tuesday, October 10th at Farmingdale Teacher Room