

Scioto Darby PTO Meeting Minutes - Thursday, January 19, 2012

Attendees: Kayla Pinnick, David Malone, Damian Crabtree, Sue Atkins, Deanna Biro, Tammy Lednik, Greg Carlo, Pam Ulrey, Jill Todd, Laura Nolan, Cheryl Wemp, Kelly Gorby, Jon Clous, Barb Goodwin, Cara Jones

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Kayla approved minutes from last meeting, Greg seconded the motion

Presidents Notes:

Damian Crabtree reported:

- ∞ The current board has been in place for 2 years – need to start recruiting and planning for next year.
- ∞ We officially have 2 parties per classroom per year, but teachers may elect to do something small for Valentines' parties
- ∞ Next Spirit Night is at Canes' Chicken on February 2nd.
- ∞ Feb 15th is late night conference night. PTO hospitality plans to provide a pasta bar for teachers. Teachers thought that sounded great and appreciate everyone's efforts.
- ∞ No school February 17th/20th

Principal's Report

Kayla Pinnick reported:

- ∞ January 24th all 4th graders taking the OLSAT test
- ∞ Jan 31st is Math Night. Will feature 2 areas – one to provide parents with information on the new math standards and how they've changed and one to allow students to learn some new math games. New math standards are being implemented in Kindergarten and 1st grade this year.
- ∞ Kindergarten registration was held on January 18th. Surprised by low turnout – 48 students. There may have been confusion on the sign up information. The official registration day is February 6th. If you know of anyone with a child who plans to attend Kindergarten next year, please advise them of the sign-up dates.

Treasurer's Report

Greg Carlo reported:

- ∞ We have \$19,530.63 in our account, but have not had most of our larger annual expenses. Some receipts include:
 - ∞ Texas Roadhouse Spirit night: \$214
 - ∞ Flyers Spirit night: \$221
 - ∞ Market day: \$178.61
 - ∞ Costs include:
 - Purchase of 4 Elmos - \$2100
 - Paid for COSI
 - Major costs yet to be paid: artist in school
 - Breakfast with Santa –expecting to break even or even make a little money – not all expenses are in.
- ∞ 501c3 status gives us the benefit of tax exempt status when we make purchases for the school. The district wants all PTO's to apply for and receive this status. We plan to apply with the anticipation to have in place next fall. Although there is a cost of \$1000 to apply, the tax exempt savings realized would quickly result in payback.

- ∞ February 1st is the Cookie dough sale kick-off! Our goal is \$9,000. Last year we earned \$10,000
- ∞ We will earn 50% of proceeds!
- ∞ All cookie orders will be due on the 15th. Collection will be on the 8th and 15th. This will give us time to collect before spring break.
- ∞ We will need volunteers to count the collections and to sort the delivered cookie dough.
- ∞ Not all prize details are finalized – considering offering a top class award.

Spirit wear results

Tammy Lednik reported:

- ∞ We sold 101 shirts
- ∞ Bought kindergarten t-shirts for next year at a cost of \$459. This saved money.
- ∞ Made profit of \$570

Staff Topics and Requests

3rd grade is going to have virtual tour with San Diego zoo. First grade would like to combine with 3rd grade for a cost of \$350.

PTO Board Status

Deanna Biros reported:

- ∞ Deanna has happily served on the board for 4 years, but has taken on additional responsibilities with the Cub Scout organization and is transitioning her secretarial position to Debi Gunter for the remainder of the term. She will continue to support the school as much as possible. Thanks Deanna for all of your contributions!

Publishing Shop Updates

Debi Gunter reported:

- ∞ The district print shop is offering a half-off pricing special during Spring Break. Publishing Shop plans to coordinate fall journal requests to see if we can take advantage of this offer.

Skate Night

David Malone reported:

- ∞ Skate night – 2 so far, turn-out not real high. Tried to change dates around, still not successful. If you do 3, 4th one is free. We have made our minimum. In planning for next year, thinking about changing to 2 a year or combining with Crossing.
- ∞ Next skate night February 9th. Will promote with e-mail and take home information.

Friday Fun Night Carnival

- ∞ Planned for Friday, March 16th
- ∞ Would like to add some form of raffle/auction. Prizes could include services or merchandise. Would like to keep the baskets small and affordable.
 - Jill Todd suggestion – raffle off front row seats for concert or front row parking for events.
 - Sue Atkins – offer front of line curbside drop-off/pick-up.
 - Deanna will forward info from last time's auction to Jill she will coordinate –plan to use giving tree concept to solicit donations,
- ∞ Jill Todd is coordinating the giving tree to solicit contributions for the raffle/auction
- ∞ Mission Impossible for Carnival is back!
- ∞ Can carnival expand to upstairs – yes, no problem.
- ∞ What about donations for prizes? Mary Beth Stahlberg used to get from Big Lots store room

Take a Taste

- ∞ This month's Take a Taste is on Tuesday, February 14th
- ∞ Need volunteers to help pass out samples to students during lunch.
- ∞ Fun activity – the students really enjoy trying the new foods!

Other Business

- ∞ *Lunch time:* Damian brought up information that Avery has a parent lunch volunteer rotate each day – they have a chair organize to make sure that there is a parent volunteer at lunch-time recess to help supervise. The question was asked if there is a need or benefit for us to implement a similar system? Teacher feedback was that consistency is better and that a teacher still needs to intervene. It would be more helpful to have cafeteria help.
- ∞ *Good volunteer opportunity:* Teachers really appreciate having a bin in which to place requests for small project completion for teachers (example – copying, laminating, cutting things out, etc)...would like to do that again...please☺
- ∞ *Scholarship:* Jill Todd reported that ISPTO is offering a \$50 scholarship to each building to use for any program– they just need to receive a request from our treasurer (Greg Carlo). We need to pick a project, have Greg write the request and Jill Todd will deliver to ISPTO treasurer.
- ∞ *HEF - Hilliard Education Foundation* is holding Casino Night. This is their big annual fundraiser. They are asking PTO's if they would like to sponsor a gaming table. Cost is \$300 - date is March 10th 6:30 – 10 p.m. and \$40/person – those that have attended in the past say it is a great time for a great cause – our schools!
 - ∞ We used the \$500 we normally give to HEF to the levy instead. Would like to review prior to donating?
- ∞ *ISPTO* had presentations including links to standardized tests. There will be changes over the next 5 years. This year not doing fall test, instead teachers using test format within the class set-up. MAP test being used for placement into 6th grade.
- ∞ *Field trips:* Laura Nolan shared that metro parks have rangers who will come out to class for free
- ∞ *Movie night:* We haven't had a movie night this year – Debi Gunter offered to coordinate. First date of March 2nd changed after the meeting to April 20th in order to not conflict with carnival. Greg has popper if we need it – check with Mr. Clous for date availability.
- ∞ Clarification of Midtowner dates to ensure timely article/info submission:
 - ∞ Midtowner goes out on the 1st Friday of the month.
 - ∞ All info must be submitted to Damian no later than the **Monday** before the 1st Friday of each month. She will compile and submit to Jayne L.
- ∞ Book Fair is week of May 7th

Pool Party Status

Debi Gunter reported:

- ∞ Back to School Pool Party is scheduled for Friday, August 10th. This is the weekend before the weekend before school starts.

Back to School Kits

Pam Ulrey reported:

- ∞ We have received some requests for latex free school kits but there is a \$15 upcharge per kit. Will look at Star Beacon (local supplier) to see if cost option is better.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.