

Margaret Beeks PTO Meeting
December 4, 2013 @ 6 pm

Attendance: Lisa Maloney, Monica Davis, Yvonne Clark, William Sembello, Meredith Keith, Melody Warnick, Holly McFall, Faith Taylor, Carly Weber, Micah Mefford, Brandon Cuthbertson, Laura Oler

Welcome

Updates:

Treasurer Update: We made \$1800 this month and spent \$43. We made \$1200 on Kroger cards, \$55 at Sweet Frog, and \$100 at Famous Anthony's.

Teacher Support: Teachers feel well-supported. We received positive feedback regarding Spelling City. The 3rd grade would like a 3 hole puncher and an electric pencil sharpener. This could come from the teacher stipends that will come out 2nd semester.

Last meetings minutes were reviewed and approved.

Principal's Update: 5th grade art is on display at the VT Center for the Arts.

The next brown bag lunch will be Thurs. at 11:30. The topic is bring your own device.

The Holiday Sing-along is Fri., Dec. 20th at 9:15 am. Mr. Sembello and Mr. Mefford will perform gymnastics, and parents are invited to attend.

Mr. Mefford is addressing the problems in the lunchroom. The manners table has been removed. Kids are more spread out during lunch. Office volunteers are needed to free Ms. Cecil to help during lunch.

Mr. Mefford is starting a twitter account.

Teacher Committee Update: The teachers are considering Geronimo Stilton for the one book, one school program. This will be tied to the readathon.

PTO would like to work on Give Me Five.

New Business:

Four grants were received and granted. Ms. Williams was granted \$80 for field trips as incentive for positive behavior. Mrs. Alden was granted \$140 for headphones to use during centers. Mrs. Rothlisberger was granted \$250 for spelling dictionaries.

Readathon: Kick-off is Feb 6. It will last for 3 weeks, ending on Feb. 28. The final event will coincide with the one book, one school event on March 6. The goal is to raise \$5000 (about \$12 per child) to go the technology fund (support classroom ipads). There will be an assembly to kick off the readathon. A 4 page packet will go home with each student. The students will turn

in weekly forms. There will be weekly raffles as incentives, and top readers in each grade level, as well as top fund-raisers in K-2 and 3-5 will receive prizes.

Upcoming Events: International Week, which will include an International Night with a Festival of Countries and dessert, as well as daily school events. This will replace the International Potluck. A date needs to be determined (possibly the first week in Feb).

Mother and Son Square Dance on March 12.

Father and Daughter Flowers and Roses Dance on March 19.

Committee Updates: Wow Lego after school camp will start in January.

Books for Breakfast could use more help.