

Margaret Beeks PTO Meeting
January 8, 2014

Attendance: Laura Oler, Rhonda Burch, April Peacock, William Sembello, Lisa Maloney, Laura Krisch, Faith Taylor, Holly McFall, Carly Weber, Monica Davis, Melody Warnick, Amanda Poff, Jane McGuigen

Carly opened the meeting. How can we improve meetings and reach parents? Agreed to have meetings at 4:00 on Weds. once a month to communicate with the teachers, but use different methods to reach parents.

Upcoming Events: Readathon, International Week, Father Daughter Dance, Mother Son Square Dance.

Readathon – Feb 6. Melody distributed materials. Feb 6 is kickoff. There will be an assembly and packets will go home. There will also be weekly raffles for prizes and a top reader prize for each grade (movie and popcorn for their classroom), as well as a top fundraiser prize (principal for the day). The goal is to raise \$5000 toward our technology fund. If we meet the goal, we will have a school-wide PJ day. The fundraiser will conclude with the Read Across America book celebration. Read Across America (one book, one school) book will be *Mouse on a Motorcycle*. We were asked to include a request for prizes in our survey. Other needs are assembly help and enthusiasm from teachers, parents.

We were asked if parent-teacher communication is working, and are teachers getting the help they need? One fifth grade class said no, but others said yes. This will be addressed in the survey.

International Week – Feb. 11 – 21. This will be replacing the potluck. We will have a bulletin board with countries that students came from represented. In place of the potluck, we will have a Taste of the Country night on Feb. 20th from 6 – 7:30 pm. People who would like to help with the event can bring finger foods or desserts and other items to represent their country. Clubs will also have booths.

Mother Son Square Dance – March 12 from 6 – 8 pm. We have a caller and live fiddle band. We will decorate with mason jars and duct tape.

Father Daughter Dance – finalized date as April 9 from 6 – 8 pm. The theme is roses. We will reuse mason jars from Mother/Son event.

Principal Report – Started the year with an assembly encouraging kids to set and reach goals. The goal for the rest of the year is for kids to be more accountable and encourage positive behavior. There is also a goal for “best on the test” as SOL’s approach. We continue to collect pop tops and would like to emphasize this project. Holly will make some kind of display to show what we have collected. Brown bag lunches have not been well attended. Should they continue? Lunch room needs help from 11:35 – 1:10, but especially during the first half. Ms. Cecil is also helping in the lunchroom. We have 447 kids in the school, making lunchtime tricky.