

Margaret Beeks PTO Meeting
March 5, 2014

Attendance: Holly McFall, Carly Weber, Caroline Mullins, Yvonne Clark, Laura Krisch, Faith Taylor, Melody Warnick, Meredith Keith, Carla Slebodnick, Conetta Francis, Dawn Owczarski, Laura Oler

Welcome and Introductions

Principal's Update: 5th grade writing SOL's are 2nd and 3rd week in March. One book one school celebration is March 5 from 6-7. Beeks at PK's is March 4th. Guest Author is visiting on March 11. Nikki Giovanni is visiting on March 25. School schedule is not changing due to snow days. The SOL window has not been determined. The new security system has gone in. Everyone needs to bring an ID and present it at the silver box to get in. Eventually, these will be swiped, and they must be a govt. issued ID. The grounds require that all vegetation be below the windows. The trail connecting to the First and Main trail is in question at the central office. The recommended school budget is level funding (no increase). There is still a shortfall because we are not getting as much from the state.

Student teacher proposal: Mrs. Salyers has a student teacher, Dagmar Wabel, who would like to do a school/community project and is soliciting ideas.

President's Meeting Update: Budget is a big deal this year. There will be Board of Supervisor meetings on March 3, 17, and April 3 at 6 pm to discuss the budget. They are currently 5 million dollars short. They also discussed moving SOL's to the end of the year and what the 6 year plan is. It was also brought up that kids that graduate early don't get senior benefits.

Question and Answer: none

Treasurer's Report and volunteer update: Office volunteers are still needed. Math tutoring volunteers – we have 5. A job description might encourage more to volunteer. The Readathon made \$9520 to date. It received lots of good feedback, and the raffles and prizes were awesome.

VP Updates: Mother and Son Square Dance: 6-8 on Weds, March 12. Volunteers are needed. There will be barrel races, dancing, bracelet making, pictures, live music, a pie walk, and chili and pie. A flyer needs to go home.

Yearbook Pictures are needed.

Committee Updates: Books for breakfast. Take pictures for yearbook. 400 new books are being donated. Steve agreed to reduce landscape budget to get money for books for breakfast to pay for shipping of donated books. We are also looking into shipping old books overseas. A sponsorship program to send books overseas was discussed, and a plan will be presented at the next meeting. The PTO approved moving \$200 from the landscaping budget to books for breakfast, as well as paying up to \$500 for the shipment of donated books.