

Margaret Beeks PTO Meeting
May 7, 2014

Attendance: Caroline Mullins, Julene Rice, Laura Oler, Rhonda Burch, April Peacock, Dana Garner, Yvonne Clark, Dawn Owczavski, Laura Krisch, Lisa Maloney, Amanda Poff, Bill Sembelo, Carly Weber, Holly McFall, Faith Taylor, Melody Warnick

President's Update (Carly): We spent \$5800 from the Read-a-thon funds on iPads. Every teacher who wanted one got an iPad for their classroom, and we got more iPads for the cart (29 in the cart). A motion was made to save the remaining money for next year when we figure out our technology needs. It passed unanimously. One suggestion was that we may have more iPads available for checkout (2 groups of 5) in the library. We watched an iPad project done by the 5th graders, which will be put on Facebook.

Treasurer's Report (Faith): We raised more money this year than we planned. We also spent less than we budgeted. We have spent \$13,000 of the \$20,000 budgeted, with about \$2,000 more planned but not spent. With this in mind, the suggestion was made to move money to the guidance supplemental fund in order to send needy kids to summer camps. The motion was made to move \$500 from supplies and \$500 from iPad maintenance to guidance. It passed unanimously.

Carly asked that we consider projects for the PTO to spend funds on in the future. Some ideas discussed were a fence, sound panels to reduce noise in the cafeteria, and a track.

Principal's Update (Mr. Mefford): The safe routes to school trail from 1st and Main to the kindergarten hardtop has been approved and will be put in. Trees will be cut to allow us to see the trail better. The fence will also be extended. Besides allowing better access to the school, this will create a loop of paths around the school for the students to utilize. SOL dates are set. They will start May 19th and go through June 10th. Field Day is scheduled for the last week of school. The school is working to promote good performance on the SOL's without causing stress. The younger grades are having an assembly to cheer on the older grades, and there are celebrations after the tests. How the students do on the tests reflects on our school, so we want our students to do their best!

Happy Feet Update (Heather): The older kids come Tues and the younger kids come Weds. Thurs. is a game day to reward good work during the first 2 days. Heather is in need of any volunteers that can help from 8:30-8:50 on those days. Mrs. Peacock offered to send out some 5th grade helpers. Additional parent volunteers would be great!

Update from Superintendent's Meeting (Mr. Mefford): Teacher compensation is a priority and the board has pledged to make other cuts rather than salary. Increases for experience have been approved, and there have been some minor insurance changes. The school board will eliminate

some positions. Larger class sizes should be expected in the upper grades (4th grade on). The budget will be finalized by May 20th.

Pop Tab Update (Holly): We donated a large Rubbermaid full of pop tabs to Ronald McDonald House. This is enough for one family for one night. We hope to continue having a service project each year. Also, Holly will continue to take pop tabs if they are donated.

Election Roundtable: All positions are open. We discussed the by-laws. It was proposed that the by-laws be changed so that the VP position is a support position for the president and is not a president-elect position. Anyone who has been a PTO member at the school is eligible to be president. In addition, it was proposed that the by-laws be changed to allow the president to serve for up to 2 consecutive years. Both proposals passed unanimously.