

# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2012

Meeting started at 3:30pm with a welcome by Deanna Palmer, President

Prayer by Jim Sprouse

Treasurer's Report -Checking balance is \$17,263.78; Enhancement Committee balance is \$5,459.23; Savings balance is \$3,761.03 and we have approximately \$1620 of Scrip on hand. Donkey Basketball clears \$5,834.64

Principal's Report - Mr. Derico advised that we have 156 students. Micrologic recently installed 14 cameras around the school for security. Robbie Clem obtained a grant of \$10,000 for the project. Mr. Derico is looking into the test scores from the Terra Nova test last year for the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade class - there appears to be a problem. He encouraged all parents to help with the upcoming Elimination Dinner fundraiser. He also praised Josie Britton for all of her hard work on the HUGE success of Donkey Basketball.

Scrip - profit is down - not many people are purchasing scrip. Mr. Derico encouraged everyone to utilize Scrip because it is one of our easiest fundraisers.

Old Business

Elimination Dinner - scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the school gymnasium. Barbara and Eric Paugh are the Chair.

Jubilee - Kathy Boyle called in her report. The Jubilee net profit was \$4,253; parking/concession at Jane Lew net profit was \$5,188. Regina advised that in the past the Advisory Board has given the HSA 25% of the profit.

5K Run/Walk 2013 - Deanna advised that Jonelle is working on getting pottery medals this year. There is no firm date yet, but it will be the week after the Spring Festival. This year she is going to have a timing company for finish line times.

Christmas Parade Float - unsure of the theme this year. Sheila McCartney called in and advised Regina that she has secured the Fire Dept from Nov 17<sup>th</sup> on to decorate the float and that she has also gotten the hay wagon to use.

Christmas Pageant Refreshments - Deanna advised that she has 18 dozen cookies promised from the list of volunteers that signed up for that fundraiser. Mr. Derico noted that the pageant this year is on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> - which is also the last day of school for Christmas break.

## New Business

Technology – Principal Templeton suggested that we need to have more iPads available for the students to use. The school is in the process of making a technology plan that will be for the next 3-5 years. Right now the downstairs classes have 5 iPads to share and the upstairs have 4 to share. Mrs. Reed advised the kids love to use them during centers. Mrs. Riley advised her kids also love to use them and they are easier for them than using a laptop/computer. Discussion was held about iPad use and how many are needed. Mr. Derico encouraged HSA to purchase because it would be a benefit for the students. Julia Marsh brought up the issue of students not being taught the proper way to type. Mrs. Jackson advised that students seem to do fine with typing even though it is not the right way – her daughter can type 80 words per minute using 3 fingers. Mrs. Kraus did say that she does work on typing with her class but it is not every day. Regina suggested to purchase 11 more for a total of around \$4,400. Nobody could come up with a definite number that was needed. J.J. Jordan suggested to table this issue until a committee could meet to determine the exact number that is needed. Amy Mehr asked if they could possibly use the mini-iPad when they come out because they are supposed to be about \$250 and the size of the Kindle Fire. Mrs. Jackson didn't think the mini would be a good idea because the students would have a hard time typing on them. Deanna Palmer suggested to table this until next meeting. Mrs. Clevenger made a motion to purchase 11 iPads so each floor will have a total of 10. Krista Paugh – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passed.

Earbuds – the upstairs kids have their own that they leave at school – parents purchased them for their own kid(s). The downstairs decided to do the same.

Laptop for PS/PK – Mrs. Riley would like to have a laptop for her classroom since they now have a smartboard and would like to be able to use it easily. Mrs. Jackson asked if there was one anywhere in the school that could be given to her to use. Amy Mehr made a motion to purchase a laptop for Mrs. Riley to use in the classroom. Adaire Snyder – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passed

Calendar Cash – Adaire Snyder is the Chair and advised they would go home before Christmas break.

Year-End School Picnic – decided to attempt to reserve the Lewis County Park for this.

## Other Discussions

Julia Marsh picked up some information about having a candy bar fundraiser. She obtained the information from the recent conference that the staff attended and her and a few of the teachers sampled the chocolate and said it was very good. If we sell over \$1,250 we make a 50% profit. There is an 8 case minimum for candy bars that are not personalized and a 100 case minimum for ones that are personalized with our school name. We would sell them for \$2 a candy bar and there are 25 in a case. They have a variety of candy bars to choose from. Julia advised she thought this might be a good idea for something in the future. Decided to table this until the next meeting.

Mrs. Droppleman asked if we would purchase a magnetic board for her class – cost is \$200 for a 5x8 board. Mrs. Moody said she would also like to have one. Josie Britton made a motion to purchase 2 magnetic boards for a total of \$400. Connie Sprouse – 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion passed.

Discussion about a fundraiser for the Spring. Julia suggested to have a dance for the whole family – something to show we appreciate everyone. Her idea is to have it around St. Patrick's Day or even possibly Mardi Gras. Julia is going to form a committee to pursue this idea.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.