

PTO Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2009

Attendees: Laura Cameron, Lori Foster, Chris Fleet, Melane Martz, Julie Nolan, Seema Patel, Kathy Kamnikar, Sharon Garcia, Lori Kijowski, Wendi Stewart, Shannon Metzger, Christy Heckel, Sara Moes, Jennie Glass, Crystal Sells, Meghan Roberts, Jason Daidden, Jon Hoefler

Call to Order: 7:01

President Welcome and Introductions:

All attendees had the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Coffee Chat with Dr. Lucas

Dr. Lucas has begun Coffee Chats throughout our district. This is an informal meeting among parents in which information is provided about our school district. The topics of discussion focused on full day kindergarten and the financial issues of the district. There was a copy of the finance report available for review. As far as the mandated full day kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year, Olentangy will be applying for an exemption as soon as the forms because available from the Department of Education. This would allow the district and additional year to plan for the schedule charge. Currently the district has 28 classrooms but would need 37 to accommodate a full day program. Dr. Lucas would like to make the change through phases but is not sure it that is possible.

Presidential Award

The Presidential Award was given to Christy Heckel for her outstanding service.

Principal's Report

Julie Nolan focus for this meeting was to give parents an opportunity to see what the teachers are doing during the 2 hr late start days. Jennie Glass and Sara Moes did a presentation on "unpacking" the curriculum. The purpose of this is to create a common understanding of what to teach among the staff. This is done through breaking down the learning into manageable steps, scaffolding student learning, increasing the rigor in the curriculum and creating student friendly learning targets.

Principal's Award

This award will be given out to the student that is recognized for giving back. Nominations are completed by the teachers.

Treasurer Report

There were a couple new items added to the report this month:

Accounting Fee	700.00
Author Visit	1903.00
Student Directory	797.00
Innovation Grant	???????
(Digital Camera for 4th Grade)	
Stone Bench	445.00

Volunteer Committee

The volunteer spots are filling up for upcoming events. There will still be information in the Scoop and on the PTO bulletin board about volunteering opportunities available.

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Parent/Teacher Conferences

Dinners are donated from parents for the teachers during the conferences. This has proven positive for the teachers as there is not enough time between the end of the school day and the start of the conferences to go home for dinner. This years themes are "Knock Off" recipies and "comfort food." All volunteers have been reminded of what they are to provide. All spots have been filled.

Treats for Troops

Our school was given the opportunity to participate in collecting Halloween treats for troops currently serving our country. The corporate sponsors in our area are Powell Dental Group, Meyer Eye Solution, Skyline Chili and Delaware County Bank.

Carnival:

Kathy Kamnikar has been working on the fundraising this year. There have been \$13,700 in donations collected to date. There is a committee chair meeting scheduled with Bob on Nov 14 and Nov 22. The games and inflatable rides have been ordered, Ronald McDonald has been booked and volunteer spots are being filled.

Around the World

Seema reported that the date for this event has been changed to Nov 24. The event will take place during the school day. This will provide an opportunity for all students to go through and learn about the countries. There will be 6 different countries represented.

New Business:

Motion was presented by Christy Heckel to solicit outside volunteers from the Powell Women's Groupto help with Scioto Ridge Reads and the Welcome Table. This motion was passed by a vote pending approval by the district. Julie Nolan will clarify through the district if volunteers from outside organizations can be solicited. There were concerns regarding the safety of the students.

Next Meeting:

December 8 at 9:15 in the Commons.

Adjourn: 8:26