

PTO Approved Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2013

Attendees: Kim Bonds, Steve Bonds, Ann Nangle, Maureen Jaimes, Leah Lundy, Rhonda McCall, Sandi Bone, Lisa Taylor, Marne Oyen

Introductions were made and the minutes from the December 12, 2012 PTO meeting were approved with no changes.

Our Principal Mrs. Marson was unable to attend because she had a Title One meeting. She did not have any announcements at this juncture but plans on attending the next PTO meeting with some safety updates which seems to be on the front of most parents' minds due to current events.

The budget update was provided by Indi Petranek-McHugh and presented by Sandi Bone. Our only real expense since our last meeting was the Doughnuts for Divas. We have also seen a bit more money trickle in for the Fun Run. There was also a parent request that we list the current account balances on the bottom of the budget spread sheet to get a picture of where we are.

Rhonda McCall, Volunteer Coordinator was up next. Currently Fir Grove Volunteers have logged 4,818 hours!! We currently have 371 volunteers logged into the data base but only 230 have logged hours.

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 10th – Kindy vision screening

January 21st – MLK Day – No school

January 24th – Passport Day

There are tons of volunteer opportunities available. Please contact Rhonda McCall or Tera Lynn Shimel at volunteers@firgrovepto.com with any questions and/or desire to volunteer. The PTO is also looking for Volunteer Coordinators for next year!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Events –

Science Expo – Please let Rhonda know if you are interested in helping out with the Science Expo. The event is scheduled to take place April 18th. There will be an upcoming meeting to discuss breaking up the Science Expo Coordinator job into several positions to help lighten the duties.

Valentine Parties – just around the corner.

Current Ongoing Needs –

The courtyard between the 1st and 5th grade classrooms needs some additional work and there will be an upcoming work weekend. Please let Rhonda know if you would like to help out.

We also need a few more letters for teachers' buckets. The letters need to be turned in no later than January 15th.

Maureen Jaimes gave a quick fundraising update. We are over the \$26,000 mark and still waiting on the Intel money. Our Fun Run expenses were \$1,200. We rocked it this year! The Penny Drive is just around the corner. Also the PTO will be looking for new Fund Raising Coordinators for next year!

Presidents' update was next on the agenda. We need a few more letters for teachers' buckets. If you can write up a quick note please email it to Lisa Taylor and she will make sure it gets in the Teachers' bucket.

At the Doughnuts for Divas we received 21 Facebook "likes" and are striving to gather a few more. The coffee give-a-way was a hit and we may do something similar in the future.

Lisa and Sandi were going to attend the teacher's staff meeting today to talking about the Discovery Streaming program. Would like to get teacher input on the program and if they feel it would be a useful tool. Also to discuss the possibility of using ½ of the \$100 teacher supply money to fund the program. BCC may also be willing to provide some funds. The PTO is still in an information gathering position on this matter. There was also a request to see if the Kinnaman visit was useful to teachers. Also a point was made on the Compview training that screen shots would have been useful to reference, especially if Compview was to provide more training in the future. Mrs. Marson has given feedback that teachers are still getting use to the boards and she has challenged them to do one new thing on them each day.

New Business

Mr. Bonds mentioned adding a non-discrimination statement to the PTO bylaws. A review of the PTO bylaws was discussed and will be a topic of discussion at the next PTO board meeting. It was mentioned the last review of the bylaws was completed in 2010.

The Keurig has been getting a lot of use. The teachers are enjoying it. If you wanted to drop off any coffee for them K-cups will work just fine.

Rhonda, one of our Volunteer Coordinators, mentioned her Volunteer Coordinator partner is now working full-time and Rhonda could use some help taking over the additional responsibilities. If anyone would like to assist please contact Rhonda at volunteers@firgrovepto.com. She could really use some help with the upcoming Valentine parties!! This led to a discussion about the upcoming Valentine Parties which included making some information available to parents to help plan out a party, to share ideas on what has worked well at the different grade levels in the past. Party money will now be signed out at the front desk. Also to point out this is a great way to meet other parents in your child's class!

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

Next PTO meeting will be February 5, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Fir Grove Library