

M Clara Barton PTA Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held on April 11, 2023

President, Cara Surmick, called the meeting to order at 7:03PM. 17 PTA members were in attendance.

Approval of last months meeting minutes: Motion – Danelle Ross, 2nd by Karen Milko, passed 7:05pm

- I. Principals report
 - Principal Haney was not present. 2nd grade Tera Nova testing, April 19-20th. Mrs. Reynolds asked for \$300 for PSSA student incentives.
- II. Treasurer's Report
 - Purse Bash and Fun Day will all be listed at once- keeping all receipts until done. We may
 end up with a fine for over depositing- will look into. Teacher appreciation \$688. Santa
 Shop check still not back yet- still working on it.
- III. Title 1
 - All students will be adding math to Tier time next year.
- IV. Upcoming Calendar Events
 - 4/20 School Board Meeting @7pm in the Borough Building
 - 4/28 2 Hr Early Release @ 1:30pm
 - 4/24-4/28 ELA PSSA grades 3-8
 - 4/25 Kindergarten Transition Night
 - 5/1-5/5 PSSA Math grades 3-8
 - 5/4 May the 4th- Special visitor
 - 5/9-5/11 Book Fair
 - 5/10 Grand Event
 - 5/18 Spring Concert
 - 5/19 Fun Day
 - 5/25 3rd grade Field Day
- V. Committee Reports
 - Assemblies- May 1st is the last Science Center assembly for 1st grade. We should be able to
 do about 1 program per grade next year. Zoo needs to be booked in August. We need a new
 chairperson for this committee.
 - Birthday with the Principal-
 - Box Tops- \$90
 - Fun Day- See below
 - Lottery Calendars-
 - Membership-
 - Party Refreshments-
 - Playground Safety- one chair leaving- other is good to maintain
 - Publicity-
 - Purse Bash- See below
 - Santa Shop-
 - Skating Parties-
 - Teach Appreciation- See below

- Book Fair- May 9-11th. Grand Event May 10th. We will need 2 people to run the register! \$6,000 scholastic rewards were expiring and they had great sales. We purchased a STEAM Kit and book per student for end of year/Fun Day gift. Spent \$4,300 and we have \$1,700 rewards left. Possible incentives table- help with the book fair and pick off of the table? We are waiting on a sibling decision from Haney for Grand Event. We can either take 50% earnings in scholastic \$ or 25% in cash. BOGO sales are considered a give back so we only make scholastic dollars. A for profit sale we are able to take the cash option. Add information about the Grand Event to the Principals reports, redo flyer to let families know where/how the proceeds from the event help and give back.
- Box Tops-

VI. Old Business-

- We need to fill chair positions! Flyers will be coming home in 2 weeks.
- Volunteer shirts are here. \$10
- Fun Day- Carnival theme bags are too big- could possible put STEAM kit and book in the bags for the kids? Need volunteers. Decorate the night before. Needs a new chairperson for next year!
- Purse Bash- needs new committee next year!! 12 stubs still needed, 12 unsold. Can raffle
 unsold. Zoom meeting 4/19 for volunteer needs/timelines. Possible 30-60 time slots for
 volunteers so they can still enjoy the event. NO word on the shuttle but the church is not far
 up the road.
- Fundraising options? Possible monthly bowling parties next school year? May/June Spirit Sundays

VII. New Business-

- Teacher Appreciation- Circus/Carnival theme, decorate and clean the teachers lounge.
 Food letter requests to get food donated. 1st week of May. Cinco de Mayo Friday- tacos?
- Busses/Transportation- All booked!! Friday kindergarten is going to the Science Center. May 4th 2nd grade is going to the Science Center. May 12th 1st grade is going to the Aviary. May 23rd 3rd grade is going to Critter Country. Busing is becoming more and more expensive. Voted to increase budget for 3rd grade. Buses ended up within budget. Non-bathroom busses are now an option.
- PSSA- \$300 for Mrs. Reynolds for student incentives. Mario theme.
- TIAA Funds- Danelle's work donates \$\$ per hours she volunteers. \$1,850 for the 2022-2023 school year. This doesn't include finishing the purse bash/fun day. They also donate school supply items. It was discussed to possibly give 3rd grade some of these funds as this is the last year we will receive them. Options- yearbook? School wide vs sale? \$7 a yearbook may be \$8-8.50. Van Dyke photography on board. Can PTA pay for 3rd grade and rest of school has the option to buy? Can we give school supplies (a bag of goodies) to 3rd grade as a sendoff? Cupcakes? Sign Yearbooks on cupcake day? Will hold a virtual meeting 4/19 to further discuss these funds. \$450 budget for 3rd grade sendoff Motion by Danelle, 2nd by Kaitlynn- Motion passed at 7:59pm.
- 3rd grade Field Day- Thursday May 25th Hamburgers and Hot Dogs-We need help to serve food.
- PTA is for all kids- if we can do it for all kids then we need to do it for all kids!
- Forming a budget committee for next year.