

Clara Barton PTA Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held on September 13, 2022

President, Cara Surmick, called the meeting to order at 7 PM. 16 PTA members were in attendance.

- I. Principals report
 - Halloween changed to 10/31with parade at 1:30pm and class parties from 2-3pm.
 Teachers will contact parents about class parties.

• Last Friday of every month will be a 2 hr early release. It is a 1:35pm early release NOT a 12:40pm early dismissal.

- Thursday 9/15 the students will be surprised with another \$10,000 grant from Bowser Subaru at 1pm. Balloon makers, kid gifts, Kona Ice, news media, school board, central administration. Funds for STEM, books for book vending machine, books per teacher, homerooms, specials, Title I, counselors etc all for the classrooms and students!
- Student of the month will be at the end of the month. We need to get t-shirts made.
 Students will receive a t-shirt, pencil, certificate and a book from the vending machine.
- II. Treasurer's Report
 - Overview of budget presented, Motion to approve budget from Danell, 2nd by Kelly Jeffrey, all in fabor- yes, all opposed- no, motion passed at 8:02pm.

III. Title 1

- Mrs. Haney is the Title I person for our district.
- All Students receive services!!
- Mrs. Vidic is completing testing and set up tier time interventions. Students will receive 30
 minutes of intense direct instruction daily. Tier groups should start next week.

IV. Upcoming Calendar Events

- Early Release 9/30 at 1:35pm
- Book Fair- October 4th, 5th, 6th and February dates to be determined
- Pink Pumpkins
- Halloween activities 10/31
- Class Parties (Oct/Dec/Feb)
- Dr. Suess week- Title I- March
- Purse Bash- April
- Fun Day- May

V. Committee Repots

- Book Fair
- 1) October and February
- 2) Grand Event/grandparent/Burgers for Books for February fair. Limit 2 guests per child. NO siblings
- 3) We have \$5,000 scholastic dollars- each classroom to get \$50, Library \$300, book vending machine \$300, books for kids \$1,000-\$1,500, \$250 for pop up movie screen for future events. Motion to spend scholastic dollars as such-Karen, 2nd by Danell, all in favor-yes, all opposed-no, motion passed 8:14pm.
- Lottery Calendars

- i. Calendars have been sent home
- have had payment returned ii.
- Playground safety
 - i. Mrs. Haney just had it powerwashed, there is an order for mulch, Maureen and Jill to help maintain, picnic benches need sanded and stained, 4square needs to be painted
- Membership
 - 1) 40 members
 - 2) Online membership
 - 3) Incentives for membership? Currently have membership raffle basket, access to t-shirt ordering etc.
 - 4) 0 classrooms have 100% participation
- Box Tops
 - i. \$35.40 in box tops
- Old Business-VI.

VII. **New Business**

 \sim West Mifflin App- you can belong to multiple schools, it has parent forms, school calendar, lunch menus, party guidelines etc.

- ~ Standing rules: General overview of standing rules, see Cara for copy if you have questions. We must have 4 meetings a year and at least 7 days prior notice to change it. Executive board must attend and can be removed from their position. Committee chairs can run their perspective area but must run it past the executive board. Checks require 2 signatures. A copy of bylaws are available. We have a financial audit. Anything sent home from PTA must be approved by Principal/President. If the district closes the meeting will be rescheduled. PTA training through the state is available. To volunteer you MUST have your clearances. You must have attended at least 2 meetings to assist with field trips and fun day. There is a zoom meeting on December 13th. 2 volunteer hours required to help with fun day as well as agreeing to set up or cleanup.
- *Motion- Bethany motions to approve Roberts Rules of Order, 2nd by Rachel, all in favor- yes, all opposed- no, motion passed 7:33pm.
- ~Story Book Forest- Mrs. Haney created, a tree outside each classroom decorated by that classroom based on a literature theme. Each kid has an ornament on their class tree. Pictures with Santa, Santa Shop.
- ~Giving Tree this year?
- ~??Start New things?? (Family Bingo, Virtual Bingo, Regular Bingo, STEAM night (grants-Bettis?, nighttime bookfair, movie night, cookies and milk, carnival/icecream social events, Mrs. Haney- purse bingo?
- ~Touch a Truck/Career Week/Trades? Rachel is going to be a contact person. More informatio to follow. Red Ribbon Week- Oct. 23-31st maybe tie into first week of November. Shannon Hinkle from Steel Center. Lauren electrician?
- $\sim 3^{rd}$ grade mingle with homeville (Kelly and Tiara helping) end of year Ryan's park day?
- ~New Santa Shop- Eva's mom
- ~Tiara designing logo for student gifts
- ~PTA bulk order tshirts- sign up on the sheet
- ~Pink Pumpkins- PTA buys pumpkins, kids decorate in breast cancer pink theme or simply keep as a gift. Contest winners announced. Eva's mom has a different contact than we have used in the past. She will meet with Cara to discuss price/demand. Motion to approve \$3/lb for

pumpkins made by Jen Marrow, 2nd by Maureen, all in favor-yes, all opposed-no, motion passed at 8:05pm

~1st Place Spirit Wear- pre-generated images, ships direct, we get 10%. Motion to create page by Karen Milko, Second by Jen, all in favor- yes, all opposed-no. Motion passed at 8:06pm. ~Reflections- This year's Theme is SHOW YOUR VOICE, look for more information soon

 \sim Committees

Bethany- Assemblies

Jen- Audit

Kelly and Danell- Fun Day

Jen M- Party refreshments??

Jen M- Santa Shop??

Karen-Santa Shop??

Janet help Santa shop??

Rachel-Student Gifts

Meeting adjourned at 8:31PM. Next Meeting is October 18 at 7PM