

PTO Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015
6:30-7:30 pm
Room 1102/ Ms. Bartol's Room

Meeting began at 6:32 pm

Parents Present: Brooke Ust, Julie Small, Kim and Brian Larsen, Kim Klinge , Lisa Preston, Carrie Peltier, Anita Dualeh

Staff Present: Jill Gebeke

Community Present: Darcy Rivers

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Welcome from Brooke Ust
Introductions

Principal's report- Jill Gebeke

Eagles Bluff-

The trip was very successful. The total cost of the trip was approximately \$9,600.00. Income was approximately \$6,300.00. The PTO paid approximately \$3,300.00. Nine kids received a scholarship.

Parent Fair-

All Saint Paul Schools (public, private, and parochial) showcased their schools at the River Center on Saturday, January 10. Jill Gebeke and two parent volunteers were there to talk about CH. Now Chelsea Heights is busy giving tours. The fifth graders provide the tours.

I Pad Roll-Out-

Wednesday, February 18 is family orientation night. Parents are invited to come with their children to get their I Pad. There will be a class apple id (not a personal apple id). The elementary kids will leave their I Pads at school. They will not take them home.

Parent Involvement Day is coming up on February 9-

In the past we have tied it in with a concert and breakfast. There is no money for "breakfast to go" for parents this year. But we will try to have coffee or something small for parents. Parents are invited to come to school with their kids, sit while their children have breakfast, go into their child's classroom, attend the concert, and then go home.

Literacy Night- Brooke Ust and Carrie Peltier

This will be Thursday February 26. From 6-8 (volunteers start at 5:45). Milk and cookies will be served. It will be like Family Fitness Night, with different stations for the children to attend. The stations will be: Story time with Norma Jorgenson, chill out with a book (read a book and receive a culvers custard coupon), a book walk, make a book mark, make a comic book, dress up as a story book character, book bingo, and an alphabet hunt. Kids are encouraged to come in costume (your favorite book character). There will be a book swap with the help of half price books. Half price books donates books, plus families donate books. Each kid will take home three books, regardless of whether or not they donated any. The event will be kept to the k-1 hall. We need volunteers! Watch for an email from sign-up genius.

Budget- Carrie Peltier

There are two accounts. One is at Sunrise bank and has a balance of about \$5,000.00 to finish the rain garden. No one has approached us to ask for money to pay for the rain garden yet. The other account is at TCF and has about \$16,000.00. We still have silent auction and carnival coming up to raise money. Next year, if there is money in reserve, we will have a grants committee. Teachers will be encouraged to write a grant to ask for money, in addition to the 200\$ they get for their classroom. If you have any proposals for next year, bring that up now so that we can include that in the budget next year. One place we might need to budget money is for the annual science fair to pay for refreshments for judges, an ice cream party for the participants, etc.

Family Fitness Night- Thanks to Brian Larson

Family Fitness Night was Friday, January 9. The comments provided were so positive. In addition to Brian and all of his family and friends, the Hamline Track Team volunteered and did great. There were 79 families (21 of color) or 249 people present.

NW Como Recreation Center- Darcy Rivers

Flyers are available for winter and spring activities. They are now registering for yoga, dance, babysitting class (11 and older), Tai Kwon Do, Power Up, indoor soccer and volleyball.

Friday, January 30, from 6-8pm is the skating party. There will also be snow shoes and cross country skis to use. There will also be a bon fire, snow painting, and possibly a pick-up flag football game.

Other:

MLK Assembly-

MLK Assembly this Friday in the gym at 2:00pm. Families (parents and siblings) are invited to attend. PTO will send an email out.

Running Club-

Running club will be from April 6- May 6 from 3-4:15 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Parent Academy-

Parent academy will be coming up. Watch for more information.

Silent Auction-

Silent Auction is coming up on Saturday, April 11. If you know of places that might donate in Hamline Midway, Falcon Height or Roseville, please let Brooke know and she will approach the business for a donation.

Communications Chair-

We need a new communications chair. This job includes: Park Bugle communication, sending out all school email, FB posts, and monthly information packets.

My SPPS Bus-

There is a new app. Check it out.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm