

## **Loomis Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm, February 21, 2018.

Minutes from the January 2018 meeting were approved.

### **Officers' Reports**

#### **President's Report:**

Vicky thanked the volunteers and coordinators of our recent events. Thank you to Cathy Forlano for donating a cash register to the PTO. Thank you to Danielle Fizziano who donated her 50/50 winnings from Pizza Bingo. Thank you to Philly Pretzel Factory for donating free pretzel coupons. Also, Maria Croce donated 25,998 Campbell Soup label points which were redeemed for \$400 in Visa gift cards.

The PTO earned \$1,025 from the Marple Sports Arena event.

Rita's water ice contest will begin soon.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

There is income that is not on the current balance sheet. There was a profit of almost \$600 from the Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser. Rebecca thanked the teachers that came to help and Principal Gretchen.

Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Spirit Wear - 50 magnets have been sold. There are about 50 left.
- Pizza Bingo - Melanie Peterson. Thank you to all volunteers. Just over \$1,000 profit. Jen Hennelly will take over next year.
- Jump for Your Heart - \$5,300 was raised for the American Heart Association.
- Valentine Social - Cathy Forlano. Positive feedback from structured activities.
- Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser - Sarah Colucci. Thank you to Mr. Gretchen, Ms. DeLiberty and other staff members.
- Sweetheart Breakfast - 323 people signed up. Aid for Friends received leftover food. Suggestions were made to have muffins, bagels, etc, instead of pancakes. Will revisit having pancakes for next year's event.
- Caring Quilt - Very nice assembly. Thank you to the coordinators.
- Fun Fair - Dana Chirico. Very slow. Trying something new with the raffle baskets this year. Monetary donations are being accepted. Items can also be donated. We should stay closer to the second or third week of March for future dates. There is a volunteer

Sign-up Genius link. PTO usually donates the high-end student gift. This year would be a laptop. Approval is needed.

- HEADStrong - Dana Chirico. Packet was sent home today. The cost is \$5 to attend. Over \$11,000 was raised last year. Money raised goes directly to HEADStrong. Auxiliary gym will be open for activities other than dancing.
- Spring '18 Book Fair - Dana Chirico. Will be held in the evening March 14th and 15th at 4 pm. Not during students library time.

**Principal's Report - TJ Gretchen:**

Apologized for outside light system that is not working. Mr. Gretchen spoke on the series of concerts in the district, Pizza Bingo, Marple Sports Arena, Valentine's social, snow and ice events, Applebee's fundraiser, Q and U wedding and the Sweetheart breakfast.

Loomis Lowdown suggestions may be sent to Mr. Gretchen.

Deleopardization - We will be receiving quotes for gym mats.

Parent seminar night - The date was moved back one day. It is almost filled. Carol Dweck's Mindset book will be discussed. Total Participation Techniques will be discussed. ESPN 30 for 30 videos will be shown.

Security measures in our schools were discussed. During teacher in-service every principal had a meeting about security measures in the buildings and improvements. The superintendent and assistant superintendent are taking this seriously. A committee meets to look at current procedures.

Dr. Bompadre sends a list of drills needing to be performed every month. Fire drills are monthly. Drills practiced monthly include fire, evacuation, lockdown, etc. Mr. Gretchen has visited each classroom prior to a fire drill to let the class know there would be a fire drill, then made an announcement over the intercom prior to the actual drill. Countywide resources are available. The goal is to educate the students and get them home safely. Please share any ideas.

**Teacher's Report - Ms. DeLiberty:**

Total Participation Techniques were discussed where teachers meet, share ideas and try to implement them in class.

**Leonard B. Altieri, Marple Newtown School Board Director:**

After thanking Vicky for accepting his invitation, Mr. Altieri gave a summary of his education and career experience.

An overview of what's going on in the district was given. Dr. Cary is out on medical leave until March 2018. There is currently a substitute superintendent in place. Dr. Puckett has left the high school. There is an interim principal.

Education specs and feasibility study was conducted. We learned that Culbertson is the school which is getting to an uncomfortable level. Paxon Hollow was looked at. Looking at moving 5th grade classes to Paxon Hollow. It would become a 5 through 8 building. Possibly adding another story on the front entrance is being considered. We need to make sure the building can have another floor. The high school renovation was rushed so the board wants to make sure the next decision is the right one for the future.

Third grade class sizes were discussed. Teachers have to tell principal if class size is an issue. Principal will put in a request with district.

Snow days - Act 80 days were discussed. There will not be a need to take any spring break days away.

Safety issues were discussed. A Seraph security consultant was hired two years ago. Districtwide security cameras and panic buttons are in every building and every school. Police departments are able to access our security cameras in the event of an emergency. Squad cars have floor plans of schools. District will be bringing in another consultant.

**Unfinished (old) Business** - n/a

**New Business** - n/a

**Announcements:**

Next PTO Meeting: Wednesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Loomis cafeteria.

**Adjournment:** 9:25 pm

**Attendance:** Vicky Adams, Kalli Badolato, Rebecca Silver, Shameka Smith, Nicole Calamia, Martha Davis, Michele Rogers, Sarah Colucci, Wendy Fasbinder, Beth Leach, Stephanie DeLiberty, Kathleen Hauck, Dana Chirico, Cathy Forlano, Michelle Patrick, Melonie Peterson, Melissa Jackson, Karen Dina, Heleen Duffy, Jenn Lauletta, Allison Dezzi, Vicky Koulas.