

# MINUTES

## Donald E Schick Elementary PTO Minutes

February 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Angela Pinsky at 7:03 pm

### In attendance

Chelsea Wert, Jill Girio, Kim Cassel, Betsy Bjorkman, Elise Stopper, Michelle Bergman, Betty O'Brien, Erin Edmonds, Angela Pinsky, Jen Panaccio, Jennifer Watson, Julie Cohick, Carolyn Strickland, Beth Hughes, Dana Fisher, Suzanne Foresman, Jerry McLaughlin and Vicky Kiehl.

### Roll Call and Approve Minutes - Vicky Kiehl

#### Treasurer Report - Jen Panaccio

- \$2878.85 Square 1 Art
- \$1547.40 in Box Top collections
- Sock Walk funds - Principal for a Day t-shirts
- Nurse – clothes for kids

#### Old Business

- A. RIF – Angela Pinsky
  - Revamped this year
  - Santa delivered candy canes; Teachers gave books
  - Books from other sources? Bulk of books are from Scholastic; no choice
  - Get books that kids want to read
  - 13 boxes of books for 700+ students

#### New Business

- A. Pinsky - Welcome Michelle Bergman, Corresponding Secretary
- B. Principal's Report – Suzanne Foresman
  - Introduced Jerry McLaughlin, Superintendent
  - Building project on schedule; April 1<sup>st</sup> ground breaking; September 1<sup>st</sup> completion
  - additional classrooms, Title 1 suite and ancillary room
  - Activity Day – may need to move to Short Park; construction site not safe
  - Jerry McLaughlin
    - i. Township will use all fields
    - ii. Mud slides possible due to expansion
    - iii. New track for use at Sock Walk
    - iv. Playground moved closer to 4 Mile Road
    - v. Guiderail install by state

- vi. Vicky Kiehl asked if a road could be extended from 4 Mile Road along eastern edge of field to connect to parking lot behind school. Jerry replied that the township does not own the land
- vii. Angela Pinsky asked if a permanent access road could be added. Jerry replied that he had meeting with PennDOT officials. The exit would be too close to the road however an additional lower exit was possible.
- viii. Paving lower lot to join with existing lot to add secondary exit

C. Teacher's Report – Beth Hughes

- Photos needed for yearbook

D. Policy Reminder – Angela Pinsky

- All parents are to remain in cars during pick-up and drop-off
- Child unable to enter or exit alone please park car and assist them to the crosswalk
- No one is allowed to enter school from back lot. Use front entrance, sign in and wear a visitor's badge
- Contact guidance counselor if problem with child entering alone
- Mrs. Morehart is always at entrance to assist kids; amazing job cheering them up
- Kudos to students when Angela entered school for OM practice and was asked to see badge; under her coat

E. Reading Program – Jen Panaccio

- Mrs. Novotony's class was winner in December; Scooby snacks and drinks
- Other students were given "homework passes"
- January winners get PixiSticks

F. Giant A+ - Betty O'Brien

- \$4100
- Suzanne said she wouldn't spend the check

G. BoxTops for Education – Dana Fisher

- Spring BoxTops due February 18<sup>th</sup>
- Schick Club helping with collection

H. Gertrude Hawke Fundraiser – Betty O'Brien

- Sales start February 13<sup>th</sup>; In conjunction with middle school
- Order forms distributed week of February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Pick up March 19<sup>th</sup>; volunteers needed
- Dana Fisher did not receive a packet. Betty stated that Miss Krape class had a substitute teacher and packets would be sent when she returns.

I. Pi Day Update – Angela Pinsky

- Pi cookies and dough tossing
- Suzanne said that Adrienne would be the human pizza

- River Valley Transit trolley's will shuttle students to Joe's Pizza
  - Betty added that students can win a chance to throw a pie in the face of staff with Box Tops submissions
- J. Spring Family Night – Angela Pinsky
- Last year was first year for Science Night and it was a hit
  - This year better than last
  - 2 Schick dads that are Phd's at Penn College and John Ryder from Dept. of Environmental Protection will do experiments
  - Betty added that she sent an email asking for volunteers. Beth Hughes asked if she to her response. Betty replied she had.
  - Angela stated that high school students are helping with experiments. Still need volunteers for setup and tear down. An Event Chair will also be needed.
- K. Spring Book Fair – Erin Edmonds
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> during the day
  - Dr. Seuss Night March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm to 7:30 pm
  - Money raised for the Visiting Author fund
  - PA Mobile Science Lab also March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Suzanne asked for volunteers to man mobile lab. Hours are 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Need runner for supplies/questions. Contact is Kim Hoffman. She'll send an email to everyone noting contact information.
- L. Acitivity Day – Angela Pinsky
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Assembly competes with activities
  - Suzanne suggested the pool at Short Park since construction will require moving the AD location; it's a high energy activity
  - BMX cost \$1200+ last year
  - Vicky asked if life guards would be present. Jerry answered yes.
  - Angela said we could re-work AD to include swimming pool
  - Betsy Bjorkman asked why we had an assembly. Angela replied that it was a grid schedule for better management; assembly for half the students while other half does activities. Betsy suggested outdoor activities like dodge ball instead of assembly.
  - New Event Chair needed for next year
- M. Field Trips – Angela Pinsky
- March 13<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade trip to PPL Montour Preserve
  - Learning Support to CAC for Harold and The Purple Crayons
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to CAC for Wild Kratts
- N. Spring Pictures

- Lew Wentzel – waiting on confirmation
- March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Suzanne asked if they would be in the library again. Angela replied yes. Suzanne stated it was done smoothly. Angela added it went fast and the pictures were good. Betty said cute pictures.

O. Board Nominations – Angela Pinsky

- Open positions on the PTO Executive Board
- Nominate yourself or someone else

P. Other Issues

- Angela suggested a slide show end of year for Fifth Grade. Beth was concerned about number of pictures since she had problems filling the yearbook
- Mrs. Leidecker needs help making 130+ Mickey Mouse ears for the Band District Concert. Help with craft in her room or at home
- Betty asked about SnowFest. Suzanne said 2/16 so there is still snow on the ground. Sled riding, hot chocolate, about an hour outside. K&5, 1&4, 2&3 grades
- Mitten collection saw 479 items donated. New items went to Daniel's Closet while the slightly-worn will be used for SnowFest then donated to churches
- Suzanne asked PTO to cover the cost of hot chocolate. Betty replied Jen will bring hot chocolate supplies. Jen asked if cups were needed. Suzanne replied yes. She added volunteers are needed. Contact Jen Ellis and Kelly Brown
- Betty asked about times for SnowFest. Suzanne stated 10:15-11:30, 12-1:15 and 1:15-2:30. She didn't want to start early in the morning because it would be colder. Elise Stopper asked what time each grade would go out. Suzanne answered 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15, 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 and K&5<sup>th</sup> at 1:15

Q. Questions

- Elise Stopper asked who the chairperson for Teacher Appreciation was. Angela replied you and me. She added an email would be sent.
- Erin Edmonds asked why the district doesn't recycle. Suzanne answered that the contract with collection agencies was lost. Angela added Mr. Greevy had collected milk bottles. Jill Girio inquired about single stream recycling. Angela replied that the landfill would take single stream items from homes but not industrial. Betty added Hometown Disposal allows for single stream recycling at a minimal cost. Elise thought there were bins at the high school. Jerry stated that much was recycled but it was messy. The district submitted a request to a foundation for \$4000 to purchase containers. District would buy half this year and the rest the following year. Currently using boxes. Jill asked if paper was recycled. Angela asked about tin or aluminum cans. Jerry stated the kitchen recycles large cans.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Library, Donald E. Schick Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:33 by Elise Stopper and seconded by Vicky Kiehl.