**Donald E Schick Elementary PTO Minutes**

September 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Erin Edmonds

**In attendance** Erin Edmonds, Shannon Butters, Lara Breon, Christina DeRemer, Suzy Foresman, Jessica Donlin, Alexis Powell, Betty O’Brien, Sara Praster, Mindy McClain, Robyn Nealis, Jen Albarano, Lori Biacchi, Lindsey Rancourt, Elizabeth Harris, Cheryl Terpak, Jill Girio, Kimberly Dzikowski, Betsey Bjorkman, Tomi-Jo Smith, Laurie Emery, Melanie Taormina, Sarah Flock, Amber McHenry, Julia French, Nikki Crawford, Lisa Sullivan, Angela Pinsky, Nicole Hodrick, Kim Cassel, Amanda Hering, Julie Dowell, Stacey Cole, Jenna Sebring, Jen Panaccio, Julie Cohick, Robin Dadzie, Maria Schreyer, Jenna Brayton, Calli Alberts

**Roll Call and Approve Minutes –** Lara Breon made a motion to approve, Christina DeRemer seconded.

**Treasurer Report – Michele Bergman (Out) - Erin Edmonds**

* Copies were passed out to everyone in attendance
* Changes in budget – teacher compensation, elimination of treats and added transportation for evening events

**Old Business**

A Activity Day – Jill Girio –Considering rain date due to having last year inside – No date at this point however moving the date will conflict with the middle school

**New Business**

A Room Parent Welcome – Shannon Butters – Folders are put together, 2 room parents for each room (still need parents for Hubbard/Comfort)

B Principal Report – Mrs Foresman

i Fifth graders in Gardner’s class wrote an essay inviting author Grapenstien to our school and

they were selected. The author came to the school and the class got autographed books.

ii There is a new morning meeting for students. K-2 is on day 5 and 3-5 is on day 6. The

meeting is a fun way for the students to do the pledge, school code and see a newscast on the

projection wall. The news cast has upcoming events at the school and also teaches about

bullying, bus safety etc. Hopefully this will be posted on the website in the future. There is a

new puppet named Lance.

C Teachers Report – N/A

D Fundraising

1. Sockwalk – Lara Breon - Students will be walking on the track this year. Split into 2 groups, K-2 and 3-5. They can walk or run. The grades will be divided by colors K-red, 1-yellow, 2-orange, 3-green, 4-blue, 5-purple. Using popsicle sticks again for tally. There will a photo take of the entire student body by Go Photo. The new station will be reporting. Healthy snacks for students will be provided (apples). Volunteers should park on the street or in the designated parking spots in the front of the school only. Emails to volunteers will be sent out within 48 hours of the event with details. We still need sponsors. Budget is $16000 in revenue. Mr. Shellenberger made a video about the sockwalk that will hopefully be added to the website.
2. Giant A+ - Erin Edmonds - It is up and running. Over the next couple weeks we will be sending out reminders to sign up, paying extra attention to kindergarten. Rewards can be split between 2 schools. It was asked that the ID number be put on the forms next year (20723). Mrs. Foresman sent a remind link during meeting.
3. Box Tops – Sara Flock – Need prize ideas, looking into box top app, asked for room parents to make sure there is a container in each classroom. First collection is in October.
4. Square 1 Art – Christina DeRemer – Fundraiser is currently on schedule. Forms have been labeled and given to Mrs. Comini. Students started working on them in art class this week. Timeline will have orders delivered before Christmas.

E Reading Program – Betty Obrien – Kids that read 15min a day for 20 days per month and get an adult signature will get a prize. Possibly doing a chain with a new tag to add every month they reach the goal. There will be a drawing each month for a free scholastic book and to be in the pod cast. Also, an end of the year prize for those who get a signature every month throughout the year.

F Book Fair – Erin Edmonds, Christina DeRemer – Held in the library. Flyers will be coming home. More books available then what is in the flyer. Will need volunteers.

G Fall Festival – Shannon Butters – October 28. BMX show for assembly. Assembly will be split and there will be activities in the class room. We will not provide the snacks. Room parents need to get with teacher to touch base on snack and scarecrows. Scarecrow parade will be held around 2pm.

H Fall Family Night – Lara Breon – October 29 Dance with costumes. Whole family is welcome. Need volunteers.

I Field Trips – Erin Edmonds – Kindergarten is going to pumpkin patch, 2nd grade is going to Penns Cave.

J RIF – Reading is Fundamental – Looking for a leader.

K Picture Day – September 29

L Volunteer/Committee Sign-ups - Availability sheet was passed around

i. Fall Family Night – Need Volunteers

ii. Sockwalk Wrap-up – Nicole Hodrick prize distribution – Jill Girio trolley ride

iii. Father/Daughter Dance – Mother/Son Night – In process

M Questions

For attending the meeting a Dunkin gift card was given to someone at random in attendance.

Congrats Tomi-Jo Smith.

Motion to adjourn was made by Christina DeRemer and seconded by Lara Breon