

MINUTES

Donald E Schick Elementary PTO Minutes

October 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Angela Pinsky at 7:00pm

In attendance

Angela Pinsky, Betty O'Brien, Vicky Kiehl, Erin Edmonds, Jen Panaccio, Carolyn Strickland, Julie Cohick, Betsy Bjorkman, Julia French, Jill Girio, Chelsea Wert, Kim Cassel, Robin Dadzie, Heather Greenawalt, Michelle Kondisko Bergman, Lara Breon, Shannon Butters, Stacey French, Maria Lilley, Jodi Stetts, Nicole Houghtaling, April Hartzel-Lewis, Rosa Jennifer Watson, Kim Schon

Roll Call - Vicky Kiehl

Introduction Board Members, Principal, Teacher Representative – Angela Pinsky and Board

Budget - Jen Panaccio

Last year's budget was \$31,200. Spent \$29,000. Excess \$1,200

Budget Changes

- Adjust revenue on Sock Walk fundraiser
- Educational expenses less due to lack of advisor for Little Lancers
- 5th grade increase of students
- Knoebel's raised cost of 5th grade trip
- Split administrative costs into Office and PTO
- Teacher support \$500 for Mrs. Ellis reading program and Schick lab; historically spending her own money

Monthly treasure report – Revenue \$3,363.29; Expenses \$307.14 - \$50 teachers, PTO folders and envelopes

Past Business – Angela Pinsky

- Activity Day – Thank you to the volunteers that helped make Activity Day a success. The students had fun in a safe environment with our Schick community working together. A new chairperson is needed for this year's Activity Day as Angela has been the chair for the past several years. The new volunteer can shadow Angela this year and then become the chairperson for the next several years.

New Business –

A Pinsky - Review the PTO Chairperson guidelines. Bylaws posted on website using left navigation bar

B Suzanne Foresman – new Principal at Schick Elementary; 11 years as building administrator

- Don't hesitate to call
- Assistant Principal (Dean of Students) Ms. Adrienne Johnston
 - Still in training
 - Oversees new students, talks with students regarding behavior
 - Communicate more with parents than Suzanne
- Thank you to parents for traffic flow; locking of gate until 2:30 has helped; previously first car arrived at 1:15 with additional cars blocking emergency access for fire, police, etc.
- Building project for 2014-15 school year
 - New parking area to left of school building

- Track with grand opening planned for Sock Walk 2015
 - Back wing expansion of 4 classrooms; 670-690 students and growing
 - Schick Heros – honored weekly; picture in lobby; both a boy and girl; recites Lancer Pledge and Pledge of Allegiance; promotes each day being respectful and responsible
 - FISH Committee – Fresh Ideas Start Here
 - Play and have fun with students; monthly activities which may/may not include PTO
 - October- Fall Festival; November – Food Drive; December – Chorus Fest
 - Winter may ask PTO to provide hot cocoa for In-School Snow Day
 - Please give feedback; communication is important.
 - Website updated daily
 - Parent Link System
 - Remind 101
- C Teacher's Report – Mrs. Dunlap
- PTO teacher support is appreciated; \$50 helps a great deal
 - Sock Walk was great, lots of families participating, teachers enjoy it
 - Fall dance plans has support of teachers
- D Reading Program – Jen Panaccio
- October calendars were sent home with students
 - Freeze pops were discontinued; new treat every month
 - Betty O'Brien – rewards at end of year; books, classroom parties
 - Classroom parents can help with tabulating student calendars each month
 - Casey Dye – Is this part of the Book It plan? App available but needs registration number
 - Jen Panaccio – yes, will talk to Mrs. Ellis
 - Betty O'Brien – update will be posted on the web
- E Book Fair – Erin Edmonds
- Building off last year
 - October 28-October 30; night session October 29 from 5:30-7
 - Moving from hallway into Library
 - Contacting parents who signed up to volunteer soon
 - Angela Pinsky – fun event for volunteers; younger students are cute picking the best book
- F Giant A+ Rewards – Betty O'Brien
- Approximately 380 numbers were entered into system
 - Jen Panaccio – check bottom of receipt to verify you are signed up with Schick Elementary
- G Box Tops for Education – Dana Fisher

- Fall submission is November 3rd
- Students voting for event or classroom prizes?
- Angela Pinsky – not sure; jazz it up this year; last year had students vote for a teacher to dress up
- Betty O'Brien – Mrs. Salvatore came as Captain Underpants; kids loved it
- Angela Pinsky – Kids were actively voting; interactive. Spring event was Sumo Wrestling; kids went crazy. Kids get excited but don't want to spend too much; offsets fundraising
- Erin Edmonds – Classroom Parent/Room Parent is responsible to collect; refer to room parent folders
- Angela Pinsky – Send email or text to Dana; check box tops; separate into packs of 50; labeled bags under 50 box tops
- Betty O'Brien – last year box tops sheets were provided for kids to glue/staple box tops
- Angela Pinsky – holiday themed sheets; check website to print sheets; helpful for teachers and Dana; 30+ classrooms to track

H Sock Walk Update – Betty O'Brien

- Last year barely met \$13,000 goal; this year over \$20,000
- Sponsorship was up; signs were posted along Four Mile Drive
- Cheerleaders were a great addition; next year hoping to have band
- Angela Pinsky – Schick mom that is coach brought Cross Country Team from Middle School; students learned about team. Thanks for community support; \$150 and \$300 sponsors; 51% participation
- 72 pizza party prizes were earned
- Kindergarten and 1st grade received participation prizes today; remaining grades by Friday
- Coordinating grand prizes

I Fundraising – Erin Edmonds

- Next fundraiser is Square 1 Art; last year did as spring fundraiser
- Mrs Comini helped students with art projects
- Items include trivets, mouse pads, cups, note cards, etc.
- Orders to be placed first or second week of November for Christmas delivery
- Betty O'Brien – each student will receive a sheet of stickers portraying their artwork

J Fall Family Night – Angela Pinsky

- Costume Dance; not too rowdy
- Multipurpose room split into separate areas; dance and play
- 6:30-8pm
- Need event Chairperson; have foot print but would like new ideas

K Fall Festival – Angela Pinsky

- October 31; split K-2 and 3-5

- Box of Light – programs promote STEM- Science Technology Engineering Mathematics
 - Checking with teachers on which program to choose
 - Programs that coincide with curriculum
- Suzanne Foresman - Fun activities; decorate pumpkins then race; decorate scarecrows; display at local businesses; contact her if you have a business to participate
- Betty O'Brien – teachers will want to help
- Suzanne Foresman – Middle school Tech Education, Jeff Martin, constructing frames for scarecrows; no cost to PTO

L Class field trips

- Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch 10/10
- 1st Grade Farm visit 10/16
- 2nd Grade Firehouse 10/10
- Suzanne Foresman – Community Arts Center visit by 1st grade on Monday before Thanksgiving may cause delay in dismissal

M School Pictures – Angela Pinsky

- Inter-State did good job
- Suzanne Foresman – make-up date is November 5th
- Spring photos Wednesday, March 25th by Lou Wentzel

N Questions:

- Jen Watson – Do we still have Amazon Smile as a fundraiser?
 - Angela replied that it is available as Loyalsock Elementary; each time you logon to Amazon it will prompt you to be redirected to the Amazon Smile site
 - Suzanne asked if this was communicated to everyone
 - Angela stated that it was discussed last year at one of the PTO meetings
 - Suzanne suggested registration steps should be communicated to parents
- Shannon Butters - Amazon Smile similar to the Target Rewards program?
 - Angela replied that it was; 1% of sales were donated to school

Next Meeting

Tuesday, December 9 at 7pm in the Library, Donald E. Schick Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:40pm by Betty O'Brien and seconded by Vicky Kiehl.