

# MINUTES

## Donald E Schick Elementary PTO Minutes

December 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Jen Panaccio at 7:02pm

### In attendance

Betty O'Brien, Vicky Kiehl, Erin Edmonds, Jen Panaccio, Julie Cohick, Miss Dunlap, Suzanne Foresman, Chelsea Wert, Jill Girio, Kim Cassel, Julia French, Julie Dowell, Robin Dadzie, Michele Bergman, Lara Breon and Jennifer Watson.

### Roll Call - Vicky Kiehl

### Table minute approval – Vicky Kiehl

### Budget - Jen Panaccio

- Family night \$87
- Teacher support \$233
- Book Fair \$1800

### Old Business

- A. Sockwalk Update – Betty O'Brien
  - a. Prizes distributed
  - b. Sorry for delay
  - c. Newsletter sent home with students
- B. Thanksgiving Gift Distribution – Jen Panaccio
  - a. Candy distribution
  - b. Chocolate
- C. Fall Family Night – Jen Panaccio
  - a. Very successful
  - b. Registration desk backed up. Suggestions?
- D. Reading Program – Jen Panaccio
  - a. 352 readers
  - b. November – squishy stars for Schick All Stars
  - c. Mrs. Reitz's class won popcorn and movie
- E. Book Fair – Erin Edmonds
  - a. Almost \$1800
  - b. In library for the first year; 95% positive feedback
  - c. Limited to only students with money; less chaotic
  - d. Teachers concerned about students without money left in classroom
  - e. Miss Hoffman and Miss Kozen asked to extend; no, same 3 day window

- f. Mrs. Foresman mentioned it was difficult with students who did not have money to buy books; they weren't able to view books in library. Suggested a preview day for all kids to see books. Parents called because kids were not sent to library if they didn't have money.
  - g. Robin Dadze said each student gets 3 books at St. John Neumann's book fair
  - h. Betty O'Brien suggested parents come in evening with children
  - i. Jennifer Watson added that some books weren't on list sent home
- F. Box Tops – Jen Panaccio
- a. Mrs. McCarty classroom won
- G. Fall Festival Recap – Betty O'Brien
- a. Kids had fun making scarecrows and playing games
  - b. Mrs. Foresman agreed adding a grandfather brought his grandkids to see scarecrows like it was Candy Cane Lane; dismissal not the best time to view

### **New Business**

- A. Principal's Report – Mrs. Foresman
- a. Thanksgiving food drive successful; unveiled turkey using \$1500 cans
  - b. 5<sup>th</sup> graders program included music videos, stories, and poems
  - c. Planning something for students December 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - d. Robin Dadze asked if students had started working on the programs; Mrs. Foresman replied they had
  - e. Senior Christmas Santa allows school to come together as community
  - f. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band shows at high school auditorium successful; acoustics better, less formal
  - g. Winter weather is here. Send hats, coats and mittens/gloves with students
  - h. Dept of Education has no set temperature for outside play; Schick has policy Real Feel 25 degrees students stay in
  - i. Jen Watson asked what the gauge is. Mrs. Foresman replied AccuWeather
  - j. Jill Girio asked if precipitation was considered. Mrs. Foreman replied yes, it is a consideration
  - k. Visitor Policy allows parents to escort students; Schick is the only school in county. Educate parents about security and allowing visitors to roam; too many places to hide. Need to talk to counselors if problem with specific child getting to class alone
  - l. Man brought students to school and was never asked to identify himself; returned to work asking what school allows that anymore?
  - m. Jill Girio said her kindergarten-age child wants her to escort and she does
  - n. Christmas Break is December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>
- B. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Dunlap
- a. Mrs. Hubbard wondered if there would be a treat for Christmas. Jen Panaccio replied no that a treat was planned in March for Pi day; too many treats already at holidays.
  - b. Is Santa delivering books to students? Jen Panaccio answered she was not sure.

- c. Some kids do not have a choice; whatever book is left over. She has extra but not all teachers do. Jen Panaccio suggested delivering books a week earlier. Betty O'Brien added Santa was delivering candy canes and worried about the extra laps to the PTO closet wearing the suit for 5 hours.
  - d. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders loved the Santa candy cane delivery; Betty O'Brien said the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders did not
- C. Square 1 Art – Erin Edmonds
- a. 13 boxes were being delivered tomorrow
  - b. Betty O'Brien asked if everyone received reminders sent home in folders. Jill Watson replied she had not
  - c. Betty O'Brien said breakable items could be picked up in office
  - d. 272 orders; Mrs. Comini was a rock star! Coordinated every class
  - e. 40% participation; orders totaled \$9605 up 33%
  - f. Mrs. Dunlap said she shared the fundraiser with other districts; stickers for every student; proud of their work
  - g. Robin Dadze said her children were more excited this year
  - h. May do it every other year
- D. RIF Distribution – Jen Panaccio talked about December 23<sup>rd</sup>
- E. Pi Day, March 13<sup>th</sup> – Jen Panaccio
- a. Pi themed treat
  - b. Mrs. Foresman agreed to be Human Pizza Pi
  - c. Trolley rides and pizza party for Sock Walk winners
  - d. Vicky Kiehl asked if students needed to show their golden ticket; No
- F. Questions? – none

### **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, February 10 at 7pm in the Library, Donald E. Schick Elementary School

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30pm by Betty O'Brien and seconded by Julie Cohick.