

PTO BOARD MEETING

2006-2007

November 7, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Mona Navitsky, Christine Bruner, Cynthia Verbinski, Jan Romenesko, Denise Rouse, Sandy Kraimer, Karen Brda, Debbie Owen, Mary Gerak, Sandy Batliner, Julia Monie, Cindi Kahn, Heidi Schmeling, Sue Padula, Jonna Calamari, Lori Miller, Judy Bruce, Chris Lenz, Paula Frank, Vicki Perille, Jennifer Lekai, Sandy Hasse, Thelma Condon, JoAnne Dalessandro, Lisa Hirdes, Karen Casey

Guests: Helen Sheyka

Principal: Craig Winkelman

Teacher Liaison: Anita Roche

The board meeting was called to order by President Denise Rouse at 9:20 AM.

Mona Navitsky moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Thelma Condon and passed by acclamation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jonna presented the budget versus actual report through November 7th. No Stress Fundraiser has brought in over \$10,000. No significant differences between actual and budgeted items were noted. Debbie Owens made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Christine Bruner seconded the motion which passed by acclamation.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Sue reported that she is working to clarify the process for handling students that benefit from our outreach program. This would effect social events as well as school packs and book fair in the future.

Sue also reported that the Technology Committee plans to meet next month to work out details on the communication board. It should be installed by the end of the year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dr. Winkelman reported that the arena style conferences were better attended than the conferences in the spring. People commented that they liked the fact that it was more spread out this year. He said they are going to try it out at the high school and will evaluate the process before deciding on what format to use in the spring.

Dr. Winkelman also reported that he is working to put together a safety seminar at the school. He plans to have a panel of experts talk to the students about safety. The panel will include Officer Kelly, Master Lawson, to address self defense, and others yet to be determined. He agreed to post on the website what is covered at the seminar so parents can talk about it with their students.

He also noted that the 8th class will be having a Veteran's Day assembly during 8th hour on November 9, 2006.

TEACHER LIASION

Anita Roche, the new head librarian this year and our new teacher liaison, was introduced. She reported that they have already made a selection for next summer's reading book. The book, Jack's Run, is by Roland Smith. The prequel, Ryan's Lie, will be read aloud to the students this February. They are in the process of finalizing the details on the author's visit next fall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Directory

The student directories have been delivered. The one extra copy per board member is available in the PTO mail boxes. Also, additional copies can be purchased at the school office.

No Stress Fundraiser

The No Stress Fundraiser Request is out. About 125 families have responded. This is slightly behind where we were last year at this time. This is felt to be due to the slightly later mailing of the request. A reminder will be included in the newsletter.

Newsletter

Cynthia reported that the newsletter deadline is today. She reminded everyone that no newsletter will be delivered in December. The next newsletter will be distributed in mid January. Please plan your articles accordingly.

Book Fair

The Book Fair was held October 16-19. The committee thanked Harold for all his help moving tables around. The committee also thanked Anita Roche for working with the committee. The library turned out to be a great place for the sale. Many classrooms stopped by during the school day. Also, over 30 volunteers helped out with the event. Gross proceeds from the book sales exceeded \$10,000 of which 25% will be profit to our organization. The committee asked for feedback on moving the event to November. Pros and cons to the move were discussed. No decision was made at this time.

Ski Club

Mona announced that the registration dates for ski club this year are underway. All registration forms are available online. There are 2 all day trips planned this year. They are Cascade Mountain and Devil's Head, both of which are further north in Wisconsin. Hopefully they will have enough snow to support the trips.

Fine Arts

The fall play was performed at the end of October. It involved 48 students. A mix of healthy and not so healthy snacks were served. Surprisingly, apples were a big seller. A total of over \$650 in snacks were sold.

The spring musical is going to be "Little Shop of Horrors" . The show requires the rental of a special growing plant which costs \$2,500 more than the typical royalty. The fine arts committee is working to raise additional funds to help cover this cost. There will be add space sold in the programs (focused on parent ads supporting the students), Smencil sales at lunch time and a raffle which will include a donated Motorola phone.

Also, the band and orchestra departments may be looking for financial assistance in the near future to help with the replacement of old/unfixable instruments.

Student Social

The fall social event has been deferred to a movie night in December. It will most likely be "Eragan" which is scheduled for release on December 15th. Details will be posted with announcements and available at our next meeting.

Programs

Judy Bruce reported that there are two programs in the works. They include a very inspirational Martin Luther King impersonator and an X Games medalist that talks about what it takes to be a champion. They are also working with an impersonator that addresses the "Diary of Ann Frank".

OLD BUSINESS:

We discussed the Ballroom Dance Program which Jennifer Blum introduced at our October meeting. She plans to offer it at Prairie for both Station and Prairie students in the late winter and early spring. She wanted to get the program introduced through the schools. The company will put on a program for \$600. This program covers dance as well as social etiquette. There was some discussion about other dance programs that are offered at local dance studios. One member commented that one studio in particular would most likely be willing to put on a program at the school for free, if that is what the school is looking for. It was also mentioned that the local Character Counts Committee will be offering a dancing diversity program this spring. Several people also expressed concern with the PTO endorsing a commercial enterprise which stands to profit from this program.

NEW BUSINESS:

JoAnne Dalessandro motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mona Navitsky seconded the motion. It passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Romenesko
PTO Secretary