## PTO Meeting Minutes February 3, 2016

- Correction to meeting minutes from January 2016. Kris Reeher and Val Miller are donating the cellophane and ribbon for the Read Across America baskets instead of using PTO funds. The pictures for the Father/Daughter Dance may be under \$5.
- Pencil Sales in January was profitable. Kerri McLaughlin will be resigning as the chair person at the end of this year. Anyone interested in chairing pencil sales should notify PTO.
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade won the January Box Top contest. February Box Tops will be a Dr. Seuss theme with one class winning Dr. Seuss prizes for bringing the most Box Tops in. We should expect another check coming in April for approximately \$1,000.
- Father/Daughter dance—waiting for RSVP's to finish coming in. So far 60 people total attending. Sparkle and Giant Eagle have donated items. Set-up for the dance is tentatively scheduled for 1:00pm the day of the dance.
- Schwann's will run through the end of February. Will consider doing it again through the summer.
- Apples for Students information was passed out. Our school has an account open, however the
  program only runs until the end of March. Kerri McCowien will chair and will pass out
  information to the whole school at the beginning of next school year to launch the program, but
  anyone can participate now.
- Carini's Fundraiser is due Friday.
- Read Across America cakes have been ordered. Chinese Auction tickets last year were sold at 2 tickets for \$1 or 25 tickets for \$10. April DiGregorio made a motion to sell the tickets at the same price this year. Heidi Smith seconded. Mrs. Blasko is taking donations for baskets. Kerri McCowien offered to bring in baskets.
- Students from the high school play will be present during Read Across America to pass out save the date flyers for the high school play. The students will also be used to restrict people from coming in/out of the gym during the play to reduce distractions for those performing.
- Book Fair/Chinese Auction for Read Across America will run from 5:00pm-7:30pm. The play starts at 6:15 and should be over around 7:00pm. The Chinese Auction drawing will be at 7:45pm. Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets that night.
- Book Fair set up is 2/26. The Book Fair will run 2/29, 3/1, and 3/2. Tear down will be 3/3. Lots of volunteers needed still.
- We have \$5,700 in Scholastic Dollars. Salena has begun ordering books for the end of the school year and will be doing a wish list to see what teachers need for the classroom.
- Easter's Daffins is due 2/17. Grade reps will need to have the orders submitted to Val Miller by 2/22/16.
- Mrs. Leczner surveyed teachers about having a classroom parent. 14 teachers said yes, 7
  teachers said no. The class parent will need to have their clearances. Heidi Smith motioned to
  approve having a class parents in the 14 rooms that said yes. Kris Reeher seconded. Mrs.
  Leczner will send home letters in those classrooms looking for volunteers.
- Mrs. Leczner will talk to Mrs. Mild about 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Track and Field Day.

- Decwin Waite volunteered to be the chair for the Mother/Son activity. Discussed holding it on a Sunday afternoon in May.
- U'll Scream should have their prices set for the season by the next PTO meeting and then we will review having a fundraiser.
- Title I audit is soon and Mrs. Leczner will be contacting a few volunteers to complete a survey for the audit. A homework help night was held in the fall and there will be a PSSA night in March. The PSSA night will cover what PSSA's are about, the importance of being in school for them, what's required from students during testing, etc. There will be a workshop families can attend either during the day or in the evening.
- PTO website will be updated by Mrs. Leczner. Any new info can be e-mailed to her and she will add it to the website. The website will be used to provide information on new activities, updates, meeting minutes, how to get clearances, etc.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be going through a program to have pen pals with students from another school. The cost is \$5 per person. All but 14 students were able to pay for this. 6<sup>th</sup> grade would like to ask the PTO for funding to pay for those 14 students (approximately \$70). Kerri McCowien made a motion to approve using PTO funding to pay for the pen pals. Decwin Waite seconded. PTO will take the cash already collected by 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and will write one check to the organization supplying the pen pals.
- Thirty-one Fundraiser will be held in April with prizes distributed in May.
- Next PTO meeting: March 2, 2016