

PLMS PTO met on Monday Feb 18 at 7:00pm in the PLMS library. There were 7 people in attendance.

Welcome/Thank You's

The meeting was called to order by Dotti Shuck as Theresa Bowser was not able to attend. Thank you's were distributed. The 6th grade teachers want to thank the PTO for their support in funding a portion of each student's ski pass for the field trip.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January PTO meeting are available on PTO website. Members present approved minutes as written.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$4620.08. Checks written since the last meeting included \$25 for AR late night, \$288.92 and \$221.62 for concessions bills, \$189.39 to scholastic for with list items, \$220 for startup cash for concessions, \$50 for the teacher conference meal, and \$498 for the 6th grade field trip. Deposits included \$599.50 for t-shirts, \$383.63 for boxtops, \$236.65 and \$337.86 and \$377.50 for concessions. A request for academic letters was approved for \$185.38.

Concessions

Total concessions profit for January was \$383.79 and for February was \$185.38.

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader Fundraiser

This event will be held April 12. The planning committee is still working to get everything prepared.

Scout Project

Eliza Anderson made a presentation to the Board of Education concerning the Spirit Wall Scout project. The board was in favor. The project was also discussed with Mrs. Drummond and it was determined that the tiles would be fired at Sunfire rather than the school. There will be a flyer on the website and workshops will be scheduled. Promotion during parent teacher conferences was also planned.

Snow Creek Trip

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Shirley did a great job putting together the 6th grade field trip to Snow Creek.

Concessions for track and Taco Feed

Angie Andrew is in charge of the concessions for track and the taco feed. The group present agreed to pay \$150 for leftover taco meat and chips from wrestling regionals. This should be enough meat for the entire taco feed.

Conference Dinners

The meals are ready to go for the conferences Wednesday and Thursday. No bills are available yet.

Boxtops

It is unlikely that there will be a class that meets the 1000 goal. Gina Clement reported that she has been giving treats for every 100 turned in. There will be a cereal party for the class collecting the most. Year to date totals are 3402 boxtops as follows:

5th grade – 959
6th grade – 817
7th grade – 1074
8th grade – 271

The bookclub has made \$30 but boxtops is changing the program. Log on to the website (www.boxtops4education.com) for monthly contest and more.

Thriftway

Keep turning in receipts dated Jan 1 through April 30 in order to earn school equipment. So far \$1500 in receipts have been turned in.

Tyson Labels

Keep bringing them in.

Hy Vee Dollars for Scholars

Keep turning in Hy Vee receipts.

Teacher Appreciation

There was no report.

Teacher Report

There was no report.

Principal Report

It has been a difficult couple of weeks. The student responsible for the bomb threat was identified. Bomb threats are a crime and the maximum penalty of 186 days suspension will be sought. More will be known later. The positive thing is that the school was able to identify problems such as improvements needed in the intercom system.

Not long after the bomb threat there was a fight at school resulting in a 5 day suspension for one student. This behavior is taken seriously. It was reported that there is a core of students developing a bad attitude. The staff are taking steps to stop bullying. If a special education student is suspended then they must be provided an education alternative funded by the school district. A regular student who is suspended is just out. Another school district would be eligible to enroll the student but they are not obligated to do so.

Mr. Landis also asked the group opinion on school calendar items.

Important Dates

February 20, 21 – Parent Teacher Conferences

February 21 – Half day of school

February 22 – No school

March 14 – No school

March 17-21 – Spring Break, no school

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. (Members present felt that it should be noted the meeting was considerably shorter with Dotti in charge 😊) The next meeting will be March 24 at 7:00 in the PLMS library.