

PLMS PTO met on Monday March 24 at 7:00pm in the PLMS library. There were 9 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.

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$7511.14, with approximately \$2000 owed for the bookfair. Money will also be needed for the "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" fundraiser. Checks written since the last meeting included \$60 for conference meals, \$185.38 for academic letters approved at the February meeting, and \$150 for concessions startup money. Deposits included \$318.50 for redeposited NSF check, \$410 for the spirit wall, \$2002.44 for bookfair and \$555.50 for band concessions.

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader Fundraiser

This event will be held April 12. Letters for contestants are going out. There is a meeting planned with the 5th graders to request participation. Information will be added to the school newsletter. The MC will be Jimmy Wilkins and there will be many cool prizes. Volunteers are needed for concessions and a door attendant.

Scout Project

Thus far 50 tiles have been sold and already fired. Eliza is contacting a professional tile installer. Another workshop will be held mid to late April. The plan is for the wall to be finished and installed by the end of school. There were 200 tiles purchased, but they can be returned if they are unused. There needs to be a center design of about 9-20 tiles. There will either be a contest or the design will be assigned to one person.

Concessions

Concession workers are needed for track meets on 4/1 and 4/7. April 7 is the Perry Relays and the taco feed will be held. Meat and chips will be purchased from the wrestling regionals. Nacho/chili boats will also be purchased that are leftover from the wrestling regionals. Items needed include cheese, lettuce, picante sauce, sour cream, olives, dessert, and drinks. DeAnne is checking to see if the bank can donate water for the drinks. The 7th and 8th grade classes will be asked to bring dessert, and the 5th/6th grade classes will be asked to bring picante sauce or tomatoes. The remaining items will be purchased.

Teacher Appreciation and Secretary's Day

There was no report for teacher appreciation. Teacher appreciation week is the week of May 6. Secretary's day is April 23. Last year gift cards were given. It was motioned and approved to give \$30 each for giftcards again this year.

Boxtops

Year to date there have been 4532 boxtops turned in. There was a good turnout for the blizzard promotion but no class won the hot chocolate party. A cereal party will be held soon. Contests are going on online (www.boxtops4education.com) to win extra boxtops for your school. There is also currently a tie-in with extreme home makeover.

Thriftway

Keep turning in receipts dated Jan 1 through April 30 in order to earn school equipment. So far \$3493.47 in receipts have been turned in.

Tyson Labels

Keep bringing them in.

Hy Vee Dollars for Scholars

Keep turning in Hy Vee receipts.

Teacher Report

Staff present thanked the PTO for the meals provided at the conferences.

Enrollment night for 8th grade is Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The 6th and 7th grade classes have already chosen their electives for next year.

Principal Report

The band hospitality room was very nice.

Grade card revision will soon be occurring and input would be welcome. Outcome based grade cards had been abandoned due to the current computer program. However, the school would like to go back to outcome based grade cards for 7th and 8th grade students so that there is more information available on what is taught. This may also be implemented at the high school level. The board approved use of the Providence K9 program in which trained dogs will be used to detect items that do not belong in schools. They are less aggressive than Sheriff's dogs. The program will be presented to the students on 4/2/08 and there will be 2 visits this spring to try out the program.

The school has been discussing the purchase of a big screen TV from the fundraiser money. It would need to be in a secure location but they would also like it to be semi-portable. They are also talking about signage but that issue thus far is still being addressed at the board of education level.

Mr. Landis shared a preliminary copy of the district calendar for 2008-09. The version shared was the 3rd revision. Concerns brought up included school on Monday 12/22 as the only day that week (wasted day?), the October schedule with parent teacher conferences – particularly having school on a Friday after being off the prior day.

Summer school will be 4 days a week for 4 weeks in June. Recommendations have already been made in regard to who should attend.

Dates for summer sports camps are not set yet.

This is the last year for summer career academy.

May 7 and 8 are the nights of Mr. Jones' last music programs.

Important Dates

April 1 – Track Meet

April 4 – AR Late Night, 5th/6th grade

April 5 – Youth Group Dinner Theater

April 7 – PLMS Perry Relays

April 11 – AR Late Night, 7th/8th grade

April 16 – Mid Quarter Progress Reports

April 18 – No School

April 29 – Music Program

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting will be April 28 at 7:00 in the PLMS library.