

The PLMS PTO met on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 in the PLMS library. There were 12 people in attendance. Thank you notes for the PTO were circulated to those present.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the September meeting were reviewed, sent in e-mail, and will be posted on the PLMS PTO website. Minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The current treasurer's balance is \$6197.74. The PTO was reimbursed \$1500 from the district for the purchase of the projectors last year. There was one fundraiser deposit (which will go back to the school) for \$1365.50, and a Hy-Vee check deposited for \$289.17.

The bill for the student directories was paid (\$155.50) and the directories were sent home two weeks ago. Families should let the office or the student's teacher know if they did not receive one.

### **Playground Equipment**

Additional information regarding the playground will be presented at the Board meeting November 12. It will be a ten minute presentation. The plan is for the playground to run the north-south area from the back door down to the locked gate area. The group wants to fence the entire area. There will be designated regions for soccer, football, swings, climbing areas, benches, and also extra concrete for basketball. Landscaping will include pea gravel, and a tree will be inside of the playground area. The plan is to start slow and build in incremental steps with designated priorities. The original quote for the project was \$68,000; however, the fencing has since been changed in addition to other minor revisions. The Board presentation will include information that parents are willing to help install the equipment to decrease cost.

### **Teacher Dinner**

Kim Stewart coordinated the conference dinners for the first night for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade responsibilities. The main dish was sloppy joes. Lavelle Windsor coordinated the second night (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and had hot dogs with chili. It was reported that many high school teachers also came.

### **Fanwear**

The order has been sent to JagGraphics and will probably be delivered in about one month.

### **M.I.L.K. Program**

There was a low response from the parents at the conferences so the Farmer's Insurance representative did not stay for the entire time.

### **Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader**

DeAnne Schurer and Caryn Anderson are working on this project but there is no report yet. There should be a report at the December or January meeting.

### **Scout Project**

The PTO decided last month to support Eliza Anderson on her chosen scout project, a spirit wall. There was no update for this meeting.

### **Teacher Classroom Money**

It was decided that the PTO would again provide gifts of \$100 for full time PLMS teachers and \$50 for part time PLMS teachers to spend on supplies for their classrooms.

### **Teacher Wish List**

The teacher wish list was reviewed and the following items were approved:

- Chinet platters, plasticware for colonial feast (Mrs. Zimmerman)
- CDs for pictures of 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes (Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Carroll)
- Pizza for AR Late Night (Mrs. Romero)
- AR Quizes (Mrs. Romero)
- Live Owl Visit (Mrs. Levi-Mehl)
- Electric pencil sharpener (Mrs. Levi-Mehl)
- Scholastic Storyworks (Mrs. Turner)
- Digital Camera – approved for up to \$100 (Mrs. Williams)
- Digital camera for technology class – approved for up to \$200 (Mrs. Strait)

The following wish list items were not acted on:

- World Book Encyclopedias (purchased several sets last year, it was felt at this time there was an adequate supply for classes to share)
- Copy machine (was felt that this was a school/district function to purchase)
- Volleyballs (Mr. Landis reported that the school should buy these)
- Cricut machine (was decided to wait on a decision for this)

### **Lowe's Grant**

Mrs. Zimmerman is working on the submission. A tax ID number was needed so she is using the PTO's number. The submission will be a request for funding for playground equipment.

### **Gary's Berries**

Fundraising cards are being distributed, and the PTO will get \$1 back for each card used.

### **Box Tops**

Thus far this year 950 boxtops have been collected. There hasn't been many submitted from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The profit from boxtops go towards the 6<sup>th</sup> grade ski trip and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Worlds of Fun trip. The breakdown by grade is as follows:

5<sup>th</sup>-388  
6<sup>th</sup>- 100  
7<sup>th</sup>- 241  
8<sup>th</sup>- 43

### **HyVee Dollars for Scholars**

Continue to turn in receipts for Hy-Vee. A new store will also be opened at 29<sup>th</sup> and Wanamaker in Topeka. In addition, Hy-Vee is currently doing a promotion that you can enter a student in a drawing for a laptop and earn \$5000 for their school.

### **Teacher Appreciation**

There was no report.

### **Concessions**

Angie Andrew is working on concessions for the upcoming wrestling tournament. There was \$155.65 profit from the 9/22 volleyball tournament. There will also be a wrestling tournament 11/20 and then the track concession stands. There is also an opportunity for the PTO to work other concession stand slots if desired. The middle school classrooms will also be given this opportunity to raise money for their classroom, team, or organization. The PTO contributed \$44 for the concessions door and locks.

### **Tyson Labels**

So far 18 labels have been collected. An additional 82 are needed before a submission can be made.

### **Thriftway Receipts**

These receipts are collected January through April. Last year a directory board and letters were purchased to be placed outside of the office.

### **Teacher's Report**

No additional information was presented. Red Ribbon Week will be coming sponsored by Students Against Destructive Decisions.

### **Principal's report**

Mr. Landis reported that a survey for conference preferences was conducted and the results will be tabulated and evaluated.

No TVs are available in the classrooms so it is hoped that the projectors will be able to project the cable signals now that cable has been installed and there are screens in the classrooms. (It was noted that some screens need to be larger).

The wrestling tournament will also need a hospitality room with just drinks on Friday night and drinks and snacks available on Saturday. No dinner needs to be provided.

The school fundraiser is in the process of collecting the remainder of the money and the profit is unknown at this time.

### **Other Comments**

School signage was discussed and it was felt that school names should be visible and well marked. This has been discussed with administration in the past. There may be money available from the building fund for this. Bob Treanor reported that his company would like to assist with the signage.

Door security when no one is in the office was a concern. It was reported that the middle school doors will be open for middle school events.

### **Important Dates**

Nov 2, 3 – Wrestling Meet

Nov 16 – AR 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Late Night

Nov 19 – PTO Meeting

Nov 21-23 – No school

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be November 19 at 7:00 in the PLMS library.