

PLMS PTO met on Monday Jan 21 at 7:00pm in the PLMS library. There were 14 people in attendance.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the November 2007 PTO meeting were distributed to members present and also available on PTO website. Members present reviewed minutes and they were approved as written. Clarified that it was the wrestling meet that lost money and not the concessions stand from the meet.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$13,533.80. Fundraiser money due to school is \$9168.18. The PTO will pay the full amount and get money back from the school for non-sufficient fund checks. Bills paid include Janet Williams (camera on teacher wish list) \$87.29; scholastics bill, \$189.39 (Brandi Turner wish list item); JagGraphics \$483 (shirt order); bill from Dotti for \$18.10 for flowers for music concert; and Mrs. Zimmerman for \$69.65 for wish list items

Kaw Fanwear

The 2nd order placed for fanwear earned profit of \$116.50. We are still waiting on 4 items, and there are 2 or 3 items left over that we think are sold which would increase profit.

Fundraiser

No report.

Concessions

Profit earned from girls basketball and wrestling was \$1508.87. Two boys basketball games have also been worked (\$60-160 average profit). January 22 is another MS game which includes C-team games, and PTO will work both games. The PTO will not work the January 30 game as no volunteer is available.

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader Fundraiser

The event will not ready for February and will be planned in April. First choice is April 12. April 5 is Dinner Theater for youth group and not available. The timeframe for the program was discussed. There will only be 5 questions asked per contestant. There will be a free will admission, and will plan on a 1.5 to 2 hour program. PTO will run concessions. It was determined that evening would be better than afternoon. We plan to use the auditorium, which will seat 300 on floor and 150 more if bleachers are turned around. Contestants will be recruited and asked up to 5 questions each. They will earn tickets for questions answered correctly that can be redeemed for a prize at the end. The last question will have a guaranteed prize. Caryn would like volunteers to solicit prizes for tickets (i.e. gift certificates, electronics, etc) by next PTO meeting. Baskets with donated items also sometimes work well. It was decided that we can try basket items (will have a call for gifts/donations) and if it is not exactly what is needed then cash prizes will work. We will ask that contestants return applications with \$5 fee. This can be turned in to the PTO mailbox. Volunteers will be needed for donation cans, concession stand workers, and more. It is undetermined if this will be a one time event or an annual event. Contestants will be limited to adults of the Perry Lecompton community. Staff will be encouraged to participate. Random drawings the night of the event will be planned. The event will try to include as many 5th grade students as possible that want to participate. The MC will be an adult, and we

will include 6th-8th graders to perform commercials. There will be a call for questions to LES and PES, and the MC will announce the author of the question the evening of the event. Also someone is needed to assist with the visual presentation (power point, etc).

Playground status

There has been approval to proceed with additional concrete. Armin has called the company, but we are waiting for call back.

Wish list

No report. We are still checking to make sure all items have been paid for.

Scout Project

A Spirit Wall for the school with tiles is planned by Eliza Anderson. She presented her progress thus far. Sunflower Ceramics had a good deal for \$4/tile for 6 inch tiles. Eliza would like to plan to have workshops so students can paint at workshops, and would like to have 1-2 workshops at the school to paint tiles (dates mentioned were February 1, 2 or February 15, 16). It also may work to coordinate the workshops with conference dates. Eliza made a banner and a few fliers to promote the event. She would like to put the banner where the wall will be to give students an idea of what it will look like. Eliza will also talk to Mrs. Drummond. The banner size is 11 X 9 – almost 100 tiles. The school and Eliza are still deciding on which wall to use. It would also be beneficial to write an article for the webpage. Eliza will ask for students to return a form if they want to participate, and the form can also be available on the website. The PTO can make copies of the fliers. Eliza will need volunteers to help at workshop (2-3 per workshop). She would like to charge \$10 per tile. In the future we may want to add to the wall if space is available. Guidelines have been developed for the tiles, and tiles can be combined if desired.

Safety

Lisa Mitchell was present and gave a report. She would like to see all school staff trained in CPR and first aid. PE teachers are now qualified in addition to 22 staff members (most are HS coaches). She reported that she would like more MS staff trained. All administrators were trained in December. It has been a very successful program. The bank has given a gift of an automatic defibrillator (AED) stored in the janitor's closet in HS where it is accessible to both schools and close to both gyms. The AED will talk a person through what to do to use it if needed. Machine will advise if CPR is needed and will walk through CPR process as well. Chance of survival is 50% with AED but only 5% without it. The machine itself keeps people on track and calm. Three kids in our surrounding area have been saved by AED in the last year. It takes only 4 minutes to cause brain damage so fast action is important. Other surrounding communities are also starting to follow our lead in this area.

Snow Creek Trip

Last year PTO paid \$6 per student (half of cost for beginners). This year there are 89 sixth graders (\$534 would be the total cost if we paid the same amount). Boxtops will contribute \$189.30 towards this amount. The trip will be Wednesday, February 13. There was motion and second to pay \$6 per student and the motion was approved.

Spelling B

Is a prize from the PTO needed? Nothing was done by PTO last year. Members present thought that students may receive a prize from the bookfair. If Judy has a prize available then PTO will not provide one. If no prize from the school is provided, then PTO will provide a \$25 Borders gift card.

Boxtops

There have been 2113 boxtops turned in so far this year. In November through February, if more than 1000 are collected then there will be a hot chocolate party. So far no class has more than 300 for boxtop blizzard period. Bonus boxtops are available for members that join boxtop website. Other boxtop sweepstakes are also available on website.

Thriftway

Keep turning in receipts dated Jan 1 through April 30 in order to earn school equipment.

Tyson Labels

Keep bringing them in.

Hy Vee Dollars for Scholars

The amount collected is a little behind last year and so far there is \$25 profit.

Teacher Appreciation

A filter for the water machine was purchased in fall. Chocolate covered fruit will be provided for Valentines Day. The group is working on plans for the big day in May.

Conference Dinners

There was a request for \$50 from PTO to assist with 5th grade meal. It will be a Mexican theme. The request was moved and approved. There was a request for \$60 from PTO to assist with 6th grade meal (Oakley Creek) which was moved and approved.

Teacher Report

The teacher report was provided by Mrs. Zimmerman. Students are busy practice testing to get ready for state testing. There was a good speaker the day of the PTO meeting on civil rights (Kyle Heilman).

Principal Report

The school is currently working on improvement plan and readying for state assessments. Teachers and administrators were pleased with kids' reaction to the speaker. Data was compiled on the survey regarding conferences. The 5th and 6th grade conferences will be in teacher rooms. The 6th and 7th grade conferences will continue to be in the commons area. The spelling bee is coming. The league band contest is here on March 12 (the week before Spring Break). The vocal music contest is March 10. State assessments will be tested in social studies (6th and 8th grade) and science (7th grade) in addition to math and reading for each grade.

Important Dates

January 28 – Spelling bee

February 12 – Randy Nadler in Little Theater

February 14 – Valentine's Day

February 20, 21 – Parent Teacher Conferences

February 21 – Half day of school

February 22 – No school

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be February 18 at 7:00 in the PLMS library.