

The PTO met on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the PLMS library with 6 people in attendance.

### **Welcome/Thank You's**

The meeting was called to order by Theresa Bowser.

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the January meeting are available on the PTO website and were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The current balance is \$16,161.83. There are two bills for recent concessions that still need to be paid. Receipts were presented for reward day items already paid for. A bill was presented for academic letters (\$359.19). Since the last meeting, PTO also contributed to the Snow Creek trip (\$320). The school will put together funding requests based on the budget from fundraiser money. There will be no deduction on the price of yearbooks this year. The school will still have the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Worlds of Fun but if working on details of how to pay.

### **Fundraiser Update**

Prizes have been distributed. The limo lunch will take place after state testing.

### **Conference Dinners**

The dinners for conferences went well. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class provided chili while the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class provided brisket.

### **Concessions**

There is only one home track meet – the Perry Relays on April 20. There will be discussion at the March meeting concerning who will run the concession stand. The taco feed last year did not go over well so we will likely not do that again.

### **Worlds of Fun Trip**

Field trips are back on with \$3 per rider fee for students and parents (teachers don't have to pay). The school collects the fees, but will only pay the district once/month. The cost of the Worlds of Fun trip will not be known until at least the end of March. The school will contribute \$5 per ticket. Boxtop money from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will also be contributed towards the price of the tickets. It was proposed that rider fee is paid by PTO (around \$210) This motion was seconded and approved. There was a discussion that we may not have to pay sales tax if PTO buys tickets. However, that may be a problem because tickets not used are resold.

### **Boxtops**

4240 total have been collected this year. Mrs. Turner's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class is leading with 671 boxtops. Totals for each class are as follows:

5<sup>th</sup> – 1495

6<sup>th</sup> – 262

7<sup>th</sup> - 1025

8<sup>th</sup> – 1184

Candy prizes are awarded when classes reach 100 increments. There are currently two competitions running for boxtop booster club. A new boxtop coordinator will be needed for next year.

### **Principal Report**

The library has been closed one week due to staff absence. The district is not providing a sub for teachers who don't have student supervision responsibilities.

There will be an assembly for building level of excellence for reading and math. A banner will be hung above the library prior to the beginning of state assessments. Individual certificates for last year's achievements will be handed out Friday also.

The schedule is as follows:

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades: Reading next week; Math the week after spring break

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grades: The last week of March for both math and reading

Track practice starts the week before spring break.

Mr. Landis reports that the plan is to spend more fundraising money due to district restrictions. For example, the school has waited long enough for signs, etc. All of the new building money has not been used yet. Some of that money should be available to contribute towards a playground. Recent purchases include a bike rack, big screen in commons area (there was no place to show inauguration), and microphone. It was discovered that not all of the rooms in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade wing had cable hookups completed – wires were loose. Some are hooked up now but they need to finish the job. Mr. Landis is calling SCI for resolution. A sound system has also been ordered for the commons area so that teachers can be heard;

PLMS will be letting grade teams recommend how to spend money and look at their plan for classroom needs. Some ideas discussed have been smart boards (\$2500-3000), mimeo (\$500-550), and computers in room for AR tests. Also needed may be small laptops with a full size keyboard (\$200-300). The middle school gives almost 1200 assessments so have a need for more computers. Mrs. Turner uses a smart board every day in her teaching. Kasi Packard would also use advanced technology, and her students would benefit as well. If purchased, the technology needs to be used as a tool to increase student productivity. Classroom clickers for students also may be good tools. These would not be used for grading but to see if kids understand the material presented.

There will be several teacher retirements at the end of the school year including Mr. and Mrs. Culver and Mrs. Romero. There will be discussion at the March meeting to decide how the PTO will honor them.