

PLMS PTO met on Monday September 29 at 7:00pm in the PLMS library. There were 8 people in attendance.

Welcome/Thank You's

The meeting was called to order by Dotti Shuck. Thank you's were distributed.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the last PTO meeting are available on the PTO website and were approved with one correction. There were two sections on concessions and the second one was in error and should be deleted.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance is \$6745.69. Checks written since the last meeting included \$1787 and \$216.50 to JagGraphics, \$200.23 to Nasco for a previously approved teacher lit, \$507 for concessions, \$50 to the Northland Christian church choir in memory of Mr. Boswell's wife, and \$25 to Borders for Eliza Anderson for her work on the Spirit Wall. Deposits since the last meeting included \$2102 and \$262 for fanwear, \$100, \$385.25, and \$216.55 for concessions, and \$189.39 from a refund from Scholastic. A bill was presented for \$238 for directories from ProPrint (350 copies).

Fundraiser

Estimated profit for the fundraiser before prizes awarded is \$8000. The product will be delivered soon. Almost all of the items on the fundraiser budget should be covered.

Fanwear

Orders have been delivered.

Directory

The directory has been completed and sent home with students.

Wish List

Wish list items are not yet ready to be considered. The 6th grade teachers did want the PTO to be aware that the price for the Snow Creek ski trip has increased from \$12 to \$15 per student. If the PTO were to again donate \$5 per student that would be a total cost of \$335 (67 students).

Concessions

Football concessions have so far been responsible for approximately \$700 in deposits. The volleyball tournament was not very busy and each concession stand probably made only about \$80. Concession stand workers and items for a hospitality room will be needed for the wrestling tournament on November 8. There will be 8 teams and 2-4 people will be needed in the concession stand at all times. Angie Andrew and Dotti Shuck will be assisting with the concession stand and hospitality room. Volunteers are also needed for the remaining open dates for sporting events. If there is no interest then the event will be turned over to Nadine for high school groups to work. There is an expectation that a middle school group would still be able to work the stand if there is at least 2 weeks advanced notice from the group. There was also a suggestion that one more e-mail be sent out for PTO volunteers now that the directory with e-mail addresses has been published.

Playground Update

The approximate fee for the playground/fitness equipment is \$4000. The PTO has planned to request matching funds from the Board but do not know if it will be successful. Jimmy Wilkins presented estimates for mulch and concrete. Capital City Pallet was the most willing to work with us on the cost. The total cost for mulch for a 50' X 50' area would be \$846 plus \$50 for delivery. An area of 75' X 50' would be \$1260 plus \$50 for delivery. Pea gravel is considerably more expensive (\$9800 for a 75' X 50' area). The cost to set the concrete to set the equipment should be approximately \$275-\$300. The Board of Education has requested more specific information in regard to prices, storage of the unit prior to installation, and the installation itself.

Teacher Conference Dinners

The 6th grade class will be responsible for the teacher dinner on October 22. Linda Pearson will be organizing the dinner of chili and cinnamon rolls. The 5th grade class will be responsible for the dinner on October 23. Mrs. Josh Woodward will be organizing the dinner.

Boxtops

So far this year 824 boxtops have been collected with cumulative earnings for all years as follows:

- 5th grade – 187, \$18.70
- 6th grade – 75, \$165.70
- 7th grade – 90, \$114.20
- 8th grade – 427, \$401.80

Profit from 5th and 6th grade years go towards the 6th grade ski trip and profit from 7th and 8th grade years to towards the Worlds of Fun trip.

Thriftway

Credit from last year's Thriftway receipts purchased 25 CD's, a paper storage unit for rolls of paper, and additional letters for the office board.

Hy Vee Dollars for Scholars

Keep turning in Hy Vee receipts. A container has been put on the PTO table for their collection.

Teacher Appreciation

No one is in charge of the Teacher Appreciation Committee this year. Mr. Landis reported that the teachers do feel appreciated, and that the conference meals are a big help. Additional recognition will be provided during Education Week in April.

Teacher Report

The year is going well so far and there is little to report. MAP testing has been completed.

Principal Report

There has been an issue with the air conditioning in the school. It has been very cold because the settings had been set for their winter adjustments. This is being addressed so that it is not so cold.

Perry-Lecompton will be switching leagues for sports. It will be proposed to the Board that the middle school be allowed to switch leagues next year since there are no contracts for games. The high school will change in two years. The new league will be the Big Seven and include Perry, Holton, Hiawatha, Nemaha Valley, Sabetha, Jeff West, Santa Fe Trail, and Royal Valley. There may be a north and south division and the middle school may not play the northern schools very frequently. Staff and coaches were polled about the middle school changing one year early and there were no negative feelings.

The economy has also had an effect on the school district. There are budget concerns and each request to the district is under great scrutiny. A program proposed for October was turned down, the cost of health insurance continues to escalate, and a request for AR material was returned stating it is not vital. There will be a request submitted by the next PTO meeting for the PTO to pay for a portion of the exams now, the district to pay for a portion now, and the rest to be purchased in spring.

The district website was discussed as new articles are available each Monday and Friday. Members present who accessed the site felt it is beneficial and appreciated the wide variety of articles available.

Some present did not access the page regularly due to the lack of high speed internet access. It was also mentioned that the 5th and 6th grade teachers may develop a teacher page that is linked to the school site to increase communication regarding school activities.

There have been some bus issues in that busses are not arriving to the school until after the bell rings. Mr. Landis will discuss this with Mr. Woodward as he stated that all busses should arrive at the school by 8:00 a.m. Classes start at 8:15 a.m.

Important Dates

- Oct 7 – 7th (home)/8th (Mill Creek) Volleyball
- Oct 7 – 7th (home)/8th (Monticello Trails) Football
- Oct 8 – 7th/8th grade Vocal Music Concert
- Oct 9 – 7th (Basehor-Linwood)/8th (home) Volleyball
- Oct 14 – 7th (Basehor-Linwood)/8th (home) Football
- Oct 17 – ½ Day School
- Oct 21 – 7th (Mill Creek)/8th (home) Football
- Oct 22 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
- Oct 23 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 2-8 p.m., NO SCHOOL
- Oct 27 – PTO Meeting at 7:00
- Oct 28 – 7th/8th Girls Basketball (Oskaloosa)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be October 27 at 7:00 in the PLMS library.