

PVMS PTO Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2016

Attendance: Heather Helwig, Sarah, Minei, Nicole DesRosier, Susan Strader, Rachel Brink, Sarah Burton, Emily Campbell, Holly Gorman, Patty Riley, Linda Ruta, and Melissa Lennon

1. September Meeting Minutes

- Posted on PTO page from PVMS website

2. Treasurer's Report – Nicole DesRosier

- Book Fair made \$973.31
- Balance - \$10,438.36

3. Principal's Report

4. Program Reports

- Box Tops – Sarah Burton
 - 3,118 Box Tops received in September
 - Highest student: Jaxon Wilcox with 391 Box Tops
 - Highest Class: Mrs. Berek's Preschool Class with 554 Box Tops
 - Bonus App available and will help earn more points for the school!
- Labels for Education – Jessica Berube
 - Mrs. Hanson selected paint sets with points available
 - Still collecting labels until labels run out
- Got Books – Heather Helwig
 - Box not full, will check to see if there has been a recent pick-up
 - PPMS would like a book bin, too
- Great Lakes Scrip – Melissa Lennon
 - Two orders placed in September
 - Profit: \$40.60
- Shop & Stop A+ Rewards – Tracey Turner
 - School is enrolled for the school year
 - Program begins October 7th

5. Event Planning

- Fire Safety Week (October 9-15)
 - Preston Fire Department will do a 20 minute presentation with each grade level in the gym on Thursday, October 13th
 - Will distribute PTO purchased fire safety pencils to each class
- Trunk-or-Treat (October 28th) 6:30 – 8 p.m.
 - Need more volunteers to decorate trunks; have 12 to date
 - 5th Grade Fundraiser – parents will sell food and drinks
 - All the Right Moves dancers will perform
 - Hay ride from Hidden Acres will be available
 - Prizes for top three best decorated trunks: top three trunks will be able to choose a gift card from Great Lakes Scrip
- Veterans Day Assembly
 - Not much teacher response; fourth grade and Ms. Bosko were interested in contributing to the assembly
 - Will contact the Preston VFW

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- Consider doing a Veteran breakfast or Veteran lunch at the school on 11/7 or 11/8 (no school 11/9-11/11); will talk to Mr. Bernier
- November Family Fun Night (November 18th) – Family Dance 6:30–8 p.m.
 - Admission: item from military unit wish list
 - Make cards/pictures for unit
 - Flyer with more information will be coming home soon
 - DJ booked already
- Thanksgiving Baskets (November 22nd) – Tracey Turner
 - Typically, food is assigned my grade level
- Winter Door Decorating Contest (December 2nd)
 - A follow-up e-mail will be sent to teachers and staff reminding them of the contest and the choice as to who will help create the decorations
 - Prize will be determined based on who creates the winning door
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (December 7th)
 - Lunch catered to both schools by Lake of Isles; \$300-\$350 for PVMS
 - Pasta, chicken pasta, veggie pasta, rolls, and butter
 - Families will be asked to donate drinks, dessert, and fruit
- December Family Fun Night – Holiday Store & Crafts (Dec. 9th)
 - Holiday Store set up in gym & crafts in cafeteria
 - Will need a lot of volunteers to help run the event

6. Assemblies

- Patty Carver – Connecticut Children’s Theater/Dramatic Publishing
 - Recommended as a PBIS assembly
 - \$575 for presentation in two groups (lower grades & upper grades)
 - PTO approved
- Horizon Wings
 - \$375 presentation with eagle and other rescue birds
 - Will be going to PPMS as well on 10/28
 - PTO approved

7. Old Business

- Grandparents Day Lunch (September 15th)
 - Went very well with 247 grandparents responding
 - Will need more tables in the future; had borrowed from the fire house, too
 - Jimmie’s catered lunch for grandparents went well; ask students to sign a big thank you card to Jimmies – Sarah will purchase card
- Scholastic Book Fair (September 19-23)
 - Went well

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- Sales were consistent with last year
- Next time, will have teachers bring students in for a preview; seems to help with sales
- In future, need one late night on a week day for sales
- Larger room helped manage flow of traffic too
- Family Fun Night (September 23rd) – Grabarek’s Corn Maze & Movie
 - 57 families attended; good turn out despite conflict with Scarecrow Festival planning
 - showed *Tom & Jerry* for the movie
 - seemed to get less candy collected than last year
- Membership – meetings open to all, but privilege to vote requires paid membership of \$3 annually

8. *New Business*

- Square 1 Art
 - Mrs. Hanson nearly has finished working with all the classes on their art work for the fundraiser
- PTO Today insurance due February
- Buddy Bench
 - K. Wood, a third grader, wrote a note to the PTO asking about putting Buddy Benches on the school playground
 - Student without someone to sit with would go to the buddy bench, then someone who needed a friend to play with or noticed a student sitting on the bench could go over and sit with the student before going to play together
 - Sarah will find out whether Norwich Tech would make two benches and what the cost would be
 - Third grade could paint the benches since it was a third grade idea
 - A plaque could be made for both benches as well
- PPMS Poinsettia Fundraiser
 - flyers will be distributed at the elementary school
 - orders will be due in November
- My Coke Rewards
 - Families can individually register and decide to donate their Coke Rewards
 - Linda Ruta has offered to redeem Coke Rewards for those families that choose donate codes to the school

9. *Next Meeting: November 2, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. in PVMS Library*