

# ***PVMS PTO Meeting Minutes***

## ***October 7, 2015***

### ***1. September Meeting Minutes***

### ***2. Treasurer's Report***

- Expenditures - \$50 for LLC filing
- Income - \$1,377.97 from Book Fair
- Balance - \$5,435.84

### ***3. Principal's Report***

- 162 grandparents attended lunch yesterday; successful!
- South African Choir assembly today: 45 minute presentation; awesome!
- Smarter Balance Assessment scores will be mailed home on Friday
- 10/23 – Trunk-or-Treat
- 10/30 – Legend of Sleepy Hollow puppet show at 1:45 p.m.
- 11/3 – Parent University: Math In Focus (math program at school); 6-7:30 p.m.

### ***4. Old Business***

- **\$50 fee** to maintain 501c3 status is due in October, waiting for invoice
- **Book Fair** (September 14 – 18, 2015)
  - Can use Scholastic Dollars to purchase books from teacher wish lists from the Book Fair itself
  - In future, may be the best way to spend Scholastic Dollars, which needs to be spent by November 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Grandparents Day Lunch** (October 6, 2015)
  - Went well and is worth doing again
  - Bulk of responsibility falls on cafeteria staff
  - In future, would like to give each cafeteria staff a \$25 gift card as a thank you. For this lunch, staff needed to prepare an additional 117 lunches for the grandparents.
- **Box Tops** – Sarah Burton
  - \$323.10 was submitted on October 2, 2015
  - For this school year, \$337.30 has been submitted to date
  - A check for approximately \$3,600 is expected in December
  - October Contests will award some schools bonus points (Monster Cereal & Spuds Potato Contests: when members log into their account)
- **Labels for Education** –
  - Contest to win additional 500 points through Community Service record
  - October incentive to fill pumpkin face will award additional points
  - November awards double points
- **Got Books**
- **September Family Fun Night** at Preston Corn Maze (Sept. 25, 2015)
  - Awesome, fun, and successful night; four trash bags of candy collected; worth doing again!

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- **South African Chorus** (Mrs. Feltes)
  - Totally awesome; well spent \$500 assembly
- **Great Lakes Scrip** – Melissa Lennon
  - Created a school-based e-mail account for coordinator
  - Faxed application to join the program on September 24<sup>th</sup>; waiting for response from Great Lakes Scrip
- Stevens Puppets (October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m.)

### **5. *New Business***

- **NFA Unified Culture Presentation**
  - John Iovino brought a special education teacher and two students to make a presentation on a program they would like to start at PVMS soon in which students would be invited to participate after school two days per month: students with special needs are integrated with regular students through various fun activities to create a positive unified environment; the finer details still need to be worked out
- **Trunk-or-Treat** (October 23<sup>rd</sup>)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser – Danette Dykema
    - Funds will support end of year 5<sup>th</sup> Grade celebration
    - Would like to sell chili, chowder, hot dogs, and hot chocolate
    - Group consensus to allow 5<sup>th</sup> grade to sell food that night; may skip PTO supplying free popcorn
  - candy/trunks
    - more candy is needed; concerned the candy collection from the corn maze may be the cause of minimal candy donations coming in to the school
  - dancers
    - Sarah Minei will contact All the Right Moves about the dancers not coming early and donating candy for the event
- **Spirit Wear**
  - Possible new designs were discussed, the pawprint logo from the Field Day bags was chosen with PVMS Panthers written
  - Offer the Spirit Wear in the colors needed by grade for Field Day
  - Danette Dykema will contact teachers so that grade levels can select their color now for Field Day this year
- **Veterans Day** (November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.) – Danette Dykema
  - Miss Bosko will send home a note with students in order to identify veterans among the school family
  - Plan to make a slide show of school family veterans and the related students
  - Poster signed by each class to thank a veteran for service
  - Rep. Courtney was contacted and asked for list of all living veterans in CT; students can write thank you cards to those veterans as well
  - For the assembly, local veterans and families will be invited

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- **Thanksgiving Baskets/Turkey Trot** (Nov 24<sup>th</sup>)
  - Foxwoods will donate turkeys the employees donate back
  - Contact local churches for the number of families in need of a basket
  - Assemble the baskets on Monday and distribute on Tuesday following a school-wide assembly
  - After much discussion, it was decided to discontinue to the raffle and Turkey Trot as their initial mission was not realized
- **November Family Fun Night** – Family Dance/Care Packages
  - Ralph Watson will be the DJ that night for \$250
- **Fundraiser Ideas**
  - Mixed Bags – Adrienne Deck
  - Square One
    - Kids draw a picture and then the picture can be placed on different items for sale as a fundraiser
    - To be reading in time for Christmas, the project needs to begin in September; will be shelved until next year
  - Need to double check 501c3 filing; since applied as a small 501c3, there may be more paperwork necessary if more than \$10,000 is fundraised this year
- **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** during Conferences (December 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - Last year both luncheons were catered for \$300 each, which is costly
  - Alternative options: bake goods, snacks, and appetizers; discuss more at next meeting
- **Holiday Store** (December 7-11, 2015)
  - Need volunteers
  - Location of Holiday Store uncertain at this time
- **December Family Fun Night: Holiday Crafts** (December 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - Crafts already on hand as event was cancelled last year

***Next Meeting: Thursday, November 5, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m. in PVMS Library***