

PVMS PTO Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2018

Attendance: Heather Helwig, Nicole DesRosier, Ray Bernier, Sarah Burton, Stephanie Houghton, Patty Riley, & Melissa Lennon

1. ***November Meeting Minutes*** – are posted on the PTO webpage
2. ***Treasurer's Report***
 - No outstanding bills
 - In good standing
3. ***Principal's Report***
 - Movie Night on Friday
 - January 29th – Early Dismissal for Professional Development
 - February 6th – PAWS Assembly – “Sing” shorts from the movie
 - February 19 – 20th – Days off for Presidents’ Day
 - February 23rd – Father Daughter Dance
 - PBIS Reteaching lessons will be moved to lunch weekly rather than the monthly assembly
4. ***Program Reports***
 - Amazon Smile – Nicole DesRosier
 - \$16 earned this month; people are using it
 - Big Hearted Books – Heather Helwig
 - Box Tops – Sarah Burton
 - Box Tops check came in
 - Collections are down in comparison to the same time last year
 - There is now a collection box at the middle school
 - 6,869 Box Tops to date this year have been collected
 - December Winners: Kylie B. with 108 Box Tops & Mrs. Shea’s Fifth Grade Class with 143 Box Tops
 - Crayola Colorcycle – Heather Helwig
 - Great Lakes Scrip – Melissa Lennon
 - \$127.45 has been earned to date
 - Month of December was a busy ordering month
 - Labels for Education – Jessica Berube
 - Program has been discontinued
 - Shop & Stop A+ Rewards – Tracey Turner
5. ***Event Planning***
 - MLK Day (January 15th)
 - put up MLK quotes in building after school on Friday, January 12th
 - January Family Fun Night – “Sing” Movie Night (January 26th)
 - 5th Grade will sell concessions
 - Bring blankets, pillows, & jammies even!
 - Give Back: St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen – need socks, hats, & gloves for patrons
 - Trivia Night (February 9th) – Emily Campbell
 - Will partner with Griswold Elementary for this event
 - PVMS, PPMS, and Griswold Elementary have all sent home flyers
 - The middle school will be creating some raffle baskets for the event
 - Random Acts of Kindness Week (February 11 – 17) – Melissa Lennon

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- Student will have tear tabs to share with students and adults
- Staff will have the “kindness critter” to share a kindness with a peer.
- February Family Fun Night – Father/Daughter Dance (February 23rd)
 - Need to consider a more neutral and inclusive name: Me and My Guy?
 - DJ has been booked for the night
 - Ask Phil Ludlow if he would take photos of the pairs
 - Will develop the photos afterwards
 - Use the Spin Art photo frames for the photos
 - Patty created a nice sample and would like to distribute the frames on the night of the dance
 - Would need a head count idea in advance to plan for the frames
 - No food or beverages will be served.
 - Is there a rain/snow date or plan?
 - Time: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. or 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- Dr. Seuss decorations go up after school on Friday, February 23rd
- Read Across America Day (March 2nd)
 - Has United Way been asked to read again?
- March Family Fun Night: Art Night (March 23rd)
 - Set up art stations with activities to do
 - Talk with Mrs. Hansen about a student art display
- April Family Fun Night - Science Night (April 27th) – Melissa Lennon
 - Project O again will be invited to attend again
 - Need volunteers – Seniors on the Go may be interested
- May Family Fun Night – Talent Show with Magic/Comedy Show (May 18th)
- Field Day (June 13th with rain date of June 14th)

6. *Assemblies*

- Assembly Ideas
 - Rescue Animals (Nicole DesRosier has contact information) costs about \$150 with rehabilitated animals like: raccoon, snake, rabbit, & chinchilla – in small group settings
 - Dinoman or another production from Fire & Ice (Melissa Lennon has contact information)

7. *Old Business*

- Square One Art
 - Check for \$1,000 came in
 - It’s a good money maker
- Thanksgiving Baskets (November 20th) – Dea Vernott
 - Went very well – took less than an hour to create the baskets with the volunteers
 - Distribution went well
 - Had fewer basket requests this year
- December Family Fun Night – Holiday Craft Store (Dec. 1st) – Patty Riley
 - Went well with good feedback
 - Vendors were pleased & willing to come back; many said they would be willing to donate an item for a raffle

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- Need more boy and pet items next year
- Reduce the time next year by 30 minutes to 5 – 7:30 p.m.
- Send flyer home through the middle school as well
- Could use some small gift bags for the little items that are hard to wrap
- Winter Door Decorating Contest (December 1st)
 - Doors were judged; Mrs. Rudyk won and her class will be treated to a pizza party this month
 - Positive feedback received regarding the doors, too!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (December 6th)
 - Lunch catered to both schools
 - Families were asked to donate drinks, dessert, and fruit
 - All went well
- PTO Bulletin Board – student decorated
 - Would the Pawsitive Squad be interested in decorating the bulletin board
- Student Column Newsletter
 - There was good response for the December special edition
- Membership – meetings open to all; membership of \$3 annually for voting rights

8. New Business

- PTO Today insurance due February
- 5th Grade Year End Celebration
 - PTO will give the class \$200 toward their celebration

9. Next Meeting: February 12, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in PVMS Library