Claypit Hill PTO Board Meeting

March 2, 2015

* PTO Board meeting was called to order by President Lauren Reynolds at 1:10 pm at Claypit Hill School.
* Members in attendance: Lauren Reynolds- President, Jean Prince-Vice President, Eli Shine- Treasurer, Elisa Scola- Secretary, Melissa Bell– Member. A quorum was reached.

Committee Reports

* Display Case – There was discussion about putting up photos with names of Claypit employees in the display case. There are 97 photos.
* Kindergarten Playdate – The event was successful with over 20 children. They played outside in the snow.
* Chinese New Year – The event was well attended. It went on too long with most people leaving before the end of the event.
* Movie Night – There was discussion about holding a movie night for older kids in May.
* Back Pack Auction– There are many great items in the auction with many new and professional items. Amy Nau will make logo wear available for purchase as part of the Back Pack auction for those who don’t ‘win’ and item.

PTO Board Reports

President’s Report – The new principal is Christy Harvey will start in July but will attend various events during the remainder of this year. There was a discussion about having a welcoming event.

* + Funding Sources – There was discussion about the various sources of funding available to teachers. PTO, WPSF and the school budget. The questions of whether the PTO should fund the full cost of field trips and magazine subscriptions rather than a portion was discussed. There was a question as to what the Wayland Public Schools Fund (WPSF) funds and whether or not there should be more clarification as to the funding goals of each organization. Jean Prince will talk to the Wayland Public Schools Foundation representative to Claypit.
  + On-Line directories– There was discussion about on-line student directories. Holly Landsittel researched the company that Sudbury uses Easy Directories which charges $2 per household or uses advertising. She will contact Kate McDonald who currently does the directories .
  + Positions for Next Year – Elisa Scola will continue as Secretary, Melissa Bell will be Room Parent Coordinator, Robin Jones had volunteered to be Vice President and Meredith Tobe will continue as Library Volunteer Coordinator and Just Like Me Representative.

Treasurer’s Report – There was discussion about this year’s budget in preparation for planning next year’s budget and with the upcoming cuts to the overall school budget. There was little activity in the teacher supplies and wish list items. Pricipal Bearse will discuss this with the teachers.

* + Student Scholarships There was discussion about the student support fund currently only rarely used for music and field trip scholarships and whether it can be used to buy school lunches for kids who are overspent on their lunch accounts.

Vice President’s Report - Jean Prince reported that the retirements are being organized by Robin Jones. Principal Bearse’s event will be at the High School on April 10. Parents will bring food. At the Sweet Endings event Bearse will be presented with a memory quilt made by the kids. Mr. Chadsey will host a happy hour at the Local in June for his retirement. Lana Murphy will make a collage of field day photos. Ms. Coady will have a garden party with cake.

Meeting adjourned by Lauren Reynolds at 3:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Elisa Scola

PTO Secretary

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