

April 25, 2019

Meeting Start: 3:15 pm

March minutes were approved. Dana motioned and Craig seconded. All approved.

In attendance: Aimee Magovern; President, Dana Pustinger; Vice President, Dawn Lemon; Treasurer, Linda Curtiss; Secretary, Tom Nadolny, Nanette Higgins, Amy Maxton, Jamie Foster, Meaghan Martin, Craig Drenga, Jennifer Hibbins Salzano.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Sunshine Gifts: April 24th was Administrative Professional Day. Aimee showed our appreciation with candy and gift cards for Paula, Eric, Monica, Peggy and Teresa. She also sent a card to Teresa, as she has been out with surgery.
- Mrs. Hamell sent a thank you card for the card and gift card.

Vice President's Report:

- Screen Free Week: (May 13th-17th) Monday night is Bingo. Dana and Aimee will be present for the event. We will need someone to pick up the pizza, salad fixings and drinks. Tuesday is Boot Camp. Meaghan will be present. Wednesday is the concert with a cook out beforehand that will benefit the 5th grade field trip to Fort Ticonderoga; it is open to the public, as is the concert. Thursday is Dance with Heather Bilotta. Linda will be present. Tuesday and Thursday we will need bottles of water available. Friday is swimming at Berkshire South. Jenn Salzano will be present for that event. Friday we will need to have snacks and deserts and water. Aimee will send out a sign-up genius.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Finances: The Bank account balance is \$26,397, less classroom accounts of about \$10,000, leaving us about \$16,000. Dawn sent a message to each of the teachers informing them of their account balances.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Playground Update (Jennifer Salzano): Jennifer contacted the company of the current playground structure and spoke with a rep about replacing some of the rusted sections. One deck alone would be \$970 for the piece, \$1500 to install and \$500 for a dumpster to remove the old metal section, costing a total of \$2970 to replace just one of the many rusted sections. Jennifer presented this to the school committee at the open session of the April meeting. It will be on the agenda of the May 6th meeting at 7pm. Ultimately, the entire structure needs replacing. Teresa is looking into grants to help with funding for a new structure.
- New Playground Options (Tom Nadolny): Tom found a similar size structure that will fit into the same footprint of the current structure. It is a leftover model from last year that originally cost around \$34,000. It had a few extra things along with it, such as swings, that we don't need, so he got the cost down to a total of \$22,000 for the structure, the shipping and the installation. The current structure will be removed this summer, whether or not we have a new one to replace it. We will still need to bring in woodchips after the new structure is in, but that can be done with the help of volunteers and custodial staff.
- Nominating Committee: Dawn nominated Jenn Catolane for the position of Treasurer, and she agreed to do it. Dana is willing to serve as Vice President again. Linda is willing to be Secretary again, and Aimee is willing to serve as President for another year. If we change our meeting day to another day of the week, others might be more available to join and possibly serve.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Funding for 6th grade trip to Boston (Jamie Foster): Jamie is new to the school and inquiring how the 6th grade trip to Boston is funded, and if the PTA can help out. He is hoping the Krispy Kreme fundraiser will create some funds. Dawn informed him that the classroom account pays for most of the trip, and that she will write a check from that account when needed. There is \$3,133 in the 6th grade classroom account as of right now. Jamie will email her the bills for the bus and the aquarium.
- Field Day T-shirts: Twisted Orchard is all set to do our t-shirts again this year. Aimee is going to ask if they can do a different color for Pre-school so that they are not the same color as Kindergarten this year. Aimee will send out the forms for families to order their shirts, with coupons for free shirts to those who sold over 5 calendars. The PTA will pay for new shirts for the teachers this year.
- Step up celebration for the Preschool classes (Amy Maxton): Amy asked if the PTA could donate a little bit of funds to purchase some snacks and things for their celebration. Aimee motioned to approve \$150 for the preschool "end of the year celebration." All were in favor.
- New Basket Ball Nets: Teresa sent Aimee an email informing her that the PTA pays for new basketball nets. All agreed to make the purchase.
- Staff Appreciation Week: Monday we will provide a continental breakfast for the staff, as well as purchase some coffee K-cups. Aimee sent a message to Vanessa asking if she would be able to help with a day or two as she has in the past. She will also ask Kathy about doing a taco day. Some other ideas are: an ice cream bar for Wednesday, and possibly a desert, fruit, sandwich or salad bar one day. We will also do gift cards for McDonalds and Dunkin Donuts.

Next meeting: May 16, 2019 at 3:15.

Meeting adjourned: 4:15 pm. Dana motioned, Dawn seconded.