

PTA Meeting **November 12, 2012:**

parents, teacher liaison & administration present

Motion by Amy Breznak to accept the October meeting minutes. Motion made. Seconded. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: : Fall Fest cost 2700, we brought in about 2400. Money for Lavendars will be deposited this week, so thank you for your patience with the checks clearing.

Administration Report:

We sent out the survey this year. Addressing a few things – if you have any questions about the playground please contact Amy Breznak, Aliza Worthington or Tina Stout.

RE: the Cafeteria – we are following fire code and we do not have too many children in the café.

RE: Extended recess/PE – we follow county codes re: allotted time and we are not able to change times allotted.

RE: Attendance – there is a way we can call parents when children are absent but that isn't usually done at the elementary level. So a quick vote – vote taken for a Connect Ed re: children being absent. Vote taken unanimously for a Connect Ed to not go out.

Teacher's Report: Fall Festival we had 8 teachers present! Great success. Maryland Food Bank donations have been completed. Student Council will be raising funds for the Thinking of Theo Organization (we have the family of a student whose cousin benefits from this organization that helps children with cancer). A reminder – if you have any questions, concerns, dilemma's – please go to the teacher first and not the admin. first. Continue to check your child's behavior calendar b/c they will be receiving extra recess. We are still collecting Box Tops & the aluminum pull tabs (being collected in each individual classroom).

President's Report: Two assemblies are upcoming, separated by grade level. Movie night will be 11/30 (same weekend as the Bob Evans food night). Movie night will be \$3 a head or \$10 for families of 4 or more. If you have a suggestion for a holiday movie that is G rated please email Megan Kight. Volunteers are also needed for movie night. Hopefully everyone saw the Mohler & Gary fundraiser that if any WES Staff uses their agency they'll donate \$1000 credit on closing \$500 donation to PTA. WES Families receive \$500 credit on closing and \$500 to PTA. We are open to any other businesses that

would like to sponsor our PTA newsletter. This is something new we are doing this year.

If anyone is interested in taking over the Facebook page admin for the PTA we need someone for that immediately. 4th of July float is also going to be open. If you are interested in either please contact Amy Breznak, PTA President.

We have a lot of spots opening on the board next year. President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Delegate all will be open.

Committee Reports:

Grandparents Breakfast: Will take place this Friday. RSVP's are due Wednesday. Setup will be Thursday night at 7pm - volunteers needed. Friday 630am volunteers will be setting up (and needed). We expect over 500 Grandparents. If it is cold out we will try to let them in the back of the café to wait until setup is complete at 8am. We really need donations sent in by Thursday from every family who is sending a grandparent. All information was sent home via the PTA Newsletter. Dr Dance has been invited, but we haven't heard back yet. Baked goods need to be store bought; fruit can be cut at home and delivered.

Fundraisers:

Spirit Wear:

Box Tops, Cultural & Movie Night:

Food Nights: Nov 30th-Dec 2nd 9am-9pm is WES Food weekend at the Bob Evans on Route 40. You **MUST** have the form to get credit for WES. The form was in the PTA Newsletter - it will also be sent in the next few WES PTA newsletters. Phoenix Emporium has approached Yvette about organizing a few ongoing nights in an upcoming month.

Kids Club:

Playground:

Book Fair/Book Night:

Beautification:

Membership: \$20 Gift Cert drawing for Peace of Pizza amongst members ... Trish Kellermann, Vivi Maddox, Kelly Rothering & Safya Rabhi all won \$20!

Green School: Recycling has been a big issue. Amy made a sign to put up with pictures for the younger kids to help them know what they can recycle (bins have been in the back hallway - NOT in the cafeteria - so trash is being thrown in recycle bins, and recycling thrown away). They may try to assign jobs to students in the café to be in charge of assuring their classmates recycle. If we are unable to continue recycling then we will lose our green school status. The status must be primarily kept up by the school, PTA is not allowed to be the primary coordinator.

New Business:

Update on behavior in cafeteria based on question from parent: Ms. Allen addressed that it's been much improved. Ms. Allen said she feels the students are starting to be accountable for their seatmates in an effort to try and earn the reward. She definitely sees benefits and improvements. Parent Question: How many are supervising? 3 paid cafeteria aides, and 1 volunteer on most days. Parent volunteers are always welcome to help monitor in the cafeteria.

Motion to dismiss.
Seconded.