

The E. Ethel Little School PTO

Meeting, Minutes

November 15, 2017 - 9:30 AM – Little School Cafeteria

Attendance

Linda Emery, Kate Schulz, Bonnie Miller, Courtney Mello, Sabrina Coviello, Elena DeAngelis, Kristen Scammon, Jenn Vant, Robin Taylor, Kim LoRusso

President's Welcome

Linda welcomed everyone back to the third PTO meeting. The Halloween Bash was a great success. It was a sold-out event and Linda wanted to thank Jenn Vant and all the volunteers for making it so great. The apparel vote passed, and we will buy extra to sell at other events. The joint movie night was a great time. All three schools had fun and we hope to do another event like this in the spring to bring the three schools together.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Molle asked if PTO would purchase the flowers for the holiday concert again this. (Linda gave the approval as this is below the \$100 threshold). Conferences are coming up in a couple of weeks and report cards will be going out at the end of November. There is a new computer system for the report cards and the teachers are doing great with it. The December calendar has been started and will be released shortly.

Treasurer's Report

Operating Accounts Summary report was passed out.

Fundraising/ Events

Thanksgiving pie sales are slightly down from last year, but 350 pies have been sold with 54 pies going to the North Reading Food Pantry.

Trivia Night is all set for this Friday, November 17, at the Moose Lodge. There are 17 tables (down a couple from last year), 20 silent auction items and the adult beverage table is looking great. There will be an email going out to ask for a couple of volunteers to help. There will be another email going out to let people know what the silent auction items are and if they aren't able to attend maybe they can have a friend bid on it for them.

There is a half day event on Wednesday November 29 at Altitude. It is an all-day event, so you can go at any time and 15% of all jumps comes to us. No other school is having an event that day so invite ALL your friends. December 15th movie day us a no go. We are working on something else for that day. Paint day will be January 31 at the Moose Lodge.

Enrichment

Linda read an email update from Emily Lazure. The second grade Native American assembly will be November 29. Most grades have all their enrichment booked for this year. An anti-bully presentation is booked for January. Emily is working on getting a visiting author also. Fourth grade BSO field trip is booked for beginning of March. Emily is going to apply for the Arbella bus grant for this field trip (\$300 value). The fifth-grade will go to the MFA and she applied for the Yellow School Bus grant for them.

Hospitality

Holiday concert and bake sale is December 12. A signup genius will be going out for volunteers to help set-up and man the table along with a sign up for people to donate bake goods. Robin also asked if anyone had any ideas for a raffle at this event.

Publicity

Amy has been working non-stop. She is looking for some people to help her out with the bulletin boards around the school. She is also looking for someone to help with the website. An email will go out after the holidays.

Box Tops

The box tops are being counted for the October class winner. Linda encouraged everyone to keep saving those box tops and sending them in. This is an ongoing collection throughout the year.

5th Grade

Kristen and Robin informed us that all committees have been formed and will start sometime in January. Yearbook has been started and is working with publicity. Final copies will be submitted in mid-April. The dance party will be done early this year (looking at April 6th). They want it to be fun and not stressful. One restaurant fundraiser will be done in the spring.

New ideas, Comments, Questions

Linda mentioned an all-district fundraiser for The Moose. They are a fantastic community partner for all of us and one of very few in-town locations able to host an event over 100 people. They are trying to make some much needed improvements to the facilities and any amount helps. More details to come.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 20th at 9:30 am in the little school café.