

January 8th General Meeting 2015

Martic Elementary School PTO Minutes

1. **In Attendance** : Jonelle Metzler, Derek Arnold, Dr. Jennifer Sugra, Wayne Martin, Julie Hoin, Mark Andrew, Chris Harzinski, Melissa Mulder, Mary Fellin, & Lori Longenecker.
2. **Motion to approve December 2014 Minutes**
3. **New Business**- Discussed the following events:
 - a. **Books with Buddies** -It was a general consensus that the event misses the mark of bringing in working parents/guardians and is a bit stressful for teachers and difficult to manage overall. A unanimous suggestion was to hold a 'Dads with doughnuts' or 'moms with muffins' type event that is scaled back & doesn't involve teacher preparation. The event should focus on reading **or** a breakfast time with families; but not try to encompass both. The book swap was also mentioned as a great opportunity for the kids and everyone agreed we should try to offer it again.
 - b. **Science Fair**- it was a general consensus that although the taco dinner was nice, it may have taken away from the true purpose of the evening. The suggestion was made to bring in a Science-focused presenter as an alternative to serving a meal. Dr. Sugra is looking into finding a presenter and Derek was checking into the status of the *Assembly* fund as a possible place to finance the evening.
 - c. **PSSA's Snacks**- PSSA's will be held in April this year. It was a general consensus that the snacks are much appreciated and the PTO will supply them again this year.
4. **Treasures Report**- Derek shared the current budget standing. Not much activity this past month. The *Santa Workshop* has a balance but more receipts are anticipated. There is a balance of \$352 remaining in the *Fulton Trip* fund. How do we handle the surplus? Should it be refunded to the generous benefactor? Put into miscellaneous for other needs? Other options?
5. **Presidents Report**- shared info on *Bingo Night* and asked teachers & student council to consider calling a few games and helping to check winning card numbers.
6. **Teachers Report**- VERY grateful for the *Fulton Trip* opportunity! Everyone agreed it is a type of event the PTO should strive to offer on a yearly basis & that it afforded the children an opportunity of a cultural experience they may not have had otherwise. We promised to pass along the suggestion to next year's incoming board.
7. **Principal's Report**- Dr. Sugra asked teachers to spread the word on *Kindergarten Information* night. She also presented the district's new initiative: *Lunch & Learning*- this program offers pre-school aged children and their parents a time of reading & lunch at the elementary schools. There will be *PSSA* procedural changes that could prove more difficult for the teachers & staff this year. Dr. Sugra is checking if Martic will have *Jump Rope for Heart*, *Olympic Day*, &/or a 6th grade track & field day at the High School. 6th grade teachers expressed their desire to still offer t-shirt to the 6th grade class for the D.C. trip and their end of year party. As committee chair, I will take care of ordering the shirts in March.
8. **Committees**- *Bingo night*: January 23rd, 6:30-8:00. Due to limited time we did not discuss any other committees.

Meeting Adjourned 8:40 am / Next meeting February 5th 7:00 pm Library

Respectfully submitted by Jonelle Metzler