

Martic PTO General Meeting Minutes- March 11th, 2015

1. **In Attendance** : Amber Adams, Dr. Jennifer Sugra, Derek Arnold, Jen Arnold, Jillian Pechiro, & Jonelle Metzler
2. **Motion to approve February 2015 Minutes**- passed
3. **New/Old Business**- Discussed the following:
 - a. **B.A.G.S Program** –need additional help on Fridays; need to complete envelopes in cost effective and timely manner.
 - b. **Art Program**- afterschool beginning April 1st for 2nd & 3rd graders. Dr. Sugra has secured an art teacher but would like to find additional instructional options; Spanish course, knitting, crafts, trades, etc...would like to get the word out to seek topics/ideas & instructors. Perfect opportunity for retirees, grandparents, & families to get involved. Would be nice to be able to open the program up to other grades as additional courses are offered.
 - c. **PSSA's Snacks**- PSSA's will be held in April this year. Dr. Sugra will get a testing schedule to Jonelle for planning snacks.
4. **Treasures Report**- Derek shared the current budget standing. Not much activity this past month. Question: When to expect Darrenkamp's & Musser's grocery store reward kickback checks?
5. **Presidents Report**-
 - a. PTO Officer Election process- Blog announcement will be made; it will include officer duties & invitation to submit nominations to PTO president or office. Nominations will be announced at the April 9th morning meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the night of elections, May 7th.
 - b. Committee Chairs seeking replacement/shadows:
 - Book Fair- Tricia Stover is seeking shadow for next year and a chair for the 2016-2017 school year.
 - 6th Grade Celebration/Awards- Jonelle Metzler seeking shadow now to chair next year.
 - Race for Education- Amber Adams seeking shadow now to chair next year.
 - Spring Fling- Kim Spearing is seeking shadow for next year & to chair the 2016-2017 school year.
6. **Teachers Report**- VERY grateful for the "Hawaiian Heatwave"! The children especially loved the rice crispy 'sand castles'. The event was much appreciated and broke up some wintertime blues☺
7. **Principal's Report**- Dr. Sugra shared an update on the BoxTop Challenge for Karen Lausch. Mrs. Bushong's winning class enjoyed a sledding party, snack, & hot cocoa thanks to our generous Mrs. Rineer. Mrs. Mulder's kindergarten classes will be deciding on their prize. Dr. Sugra questioned why the kindergarten classes were combined & felt they should definitely be counted individually next year. Also suggested we send home reminders at the beginning of the year to collect boxtops.
8. **Committees Report- 2015-2106** (Committee Chair list was handed out)
 - a. Spiritwear: Melissa Anderson does not plan to purchase stock spiritwear for the Spring since there is a high risk of being left with unsold items and would like to consider making a stock purchase at the beginning of the school year in the Fall. Spring committee chairs are able to place orders and/or to purchase items for 'prizes' to give away at their events or to offer in raffles, etc... Please contact Melissa ASAP if interested. Melissa will stay on as committee chair for next year.
 - b. Yearbook: Jen Arnold has agreed to stay on as yearbook chair for 2015-2016. Needs list of 6th graders from the office to order free yearbooks.
 - c. Teacher/Staff Appreciation: Vinnie Perkins is willing to stay on as chair; maybe have a co-chair?
 - d. Scholarship/Citizenship Award: Kelly Eachus has agreed to stay on as chair. Scholarship applications are due March 18th and interviews will be March 24th & 26th from 6-8 pm. Winners will be announced after the Awards Banquet in May.
 - e. Spring Fling: Kim Spearing is working on community/business donations for the raffle. She is also looking for help with the music and anyone willing can contact her at kim_spearing@solanco.k12.pa.us. Amber Adams said Musser's has a sound system that is attached to the 'Shopper Cart' and Kim should contact her for info.
 - f. Boxtops/Campbell's: Karen Lausch has agreed to stay on as Chair. Report given by Dr. Sugra (see above). Karen is looking for collection ideas. Campbell's Labels info will be shared at next PTO meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50 pm / Next meeting April 9th 8:00 am Library

Respectfully submitted by Jonelle Metzler