

Royalview Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes December 1, 2016

OPENING (Laura Kramer):

The meeting was called to order at 6:34P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November's meeting minutes were approved by: Sherry & Joyce.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Kristi Petrecca):

- November Checking balance \$9,727.05. November Savings Balance \$57,388.79. The Fun Run profit was transferred from checking to savings. The Chrome Cart and playground balls were paid for from profits in savings from last year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Amanda Mitchell & Carol Bard):

- The following Thank You notes were received: Amanda, the Family Liaison sent a Thank You card for all the donations received for the food drive. The kids loved the prizes and the PTA does a great job supporting the kids at Royalview.

LCC DELEGATE REPORT (Angela Buemi):

- The majority of the memberships are from the Mentor school district. Royalview is the only school sending a representative from the WE school district. The LCC is trying to get additional representatives from other schools to attend and participate. It is believed that the reason Royalview is the only school in the WE School District that participates is because they are the only school with a PTA vs. PTO.
 - The PTA is associated with the National PTA and local County PTA (LCC).
 - The PTOs are less structured and do not have bylaws and state guidelines to follow like the PTA.
- There is a Free Parenting Seminar on Jan 11 at 6:30 – 8:30 at Paradigm. All Lake County school district parents are welcome.
- The LCC has inquired to see what each school's PTA/PTO does for hospitality/sunshine funds to see what processes or guidelines are followed (i.e. how much and what is donated, etc.). They want to be sure there is consistency throughout the districts.
- The LCC would like to do candidates night yearly.
- The Founders Dinner will be on February 28th. They are focusing on domestic violence and are requesting donations of travel size items. A location is yet to be determined.
- The holiday get together will be on Dec 8th at Longo's in Mentor at 7:00.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT (Carol Bard):

- The 5th Grade participated in Project Based Learning (PBL) and has designated new space for the Longfellow building. Longfellow will show the plans at their Parent & Teacher Team Conferences.
 - Their 5th Grades participates in one joined conference with the teacher and all parents together instead of individual conferences for each parent. The parents are given folders with information in it to help work with their children at home with what they are struggling in. Graph reports are shared with all parents with student ID numbers to identify their children. This process has been well received by the parents.
 - Royalview has such a large number of students, that this program would be difficult to do and would still require splitting it up into 2 days for the conference.

PRINCIPALS REPORT (Ms. Cantwell and Mr. Bender):

- The PTA was thanked for the Chrome Cart that was purchased which greatly helped the 3rd graders complete their AIR testing.
- The PTA was also thanked for the purchase last year for the Christmas Tree that has been put up and will be decorated soon.
- The WE Quality Profile booklets which were done by the district were distributed for parents to read.
- The 2nd round of MAP testing will be completed for all grade levels before Christmas break. This will make it easier for comparison to other schools.
- The Compass Challenge will begin before Christmas break. The program will not be counting by hours logged in, instead the goal will be for number of folders completed with 70% accuracy. Reading and Math will be the only focus. The teachers have been eliminating the other material and games. Compass has been updated based on the children's scores.
- The PBIS winner's lunch was last week with the Police and Fire Departments. Little Caesar's Pizza donated pizza and Giant Eagle donated dessert.
- Ms. Cantwell will sleep on the roof from the Fun Run challenge when the weather permits.
- The American Heart Association does a Jump Rope for Heart event to help raise money for the AHA. This will be done Dec 12th – 16th instead of in February and sponsor sheets are being sent home. The goal is to raise \$2,500.
- The Royal Council Chinese Toy Raffle/Auction will be December 19th – 21st. Tickets sold for \$0.25 each during lunch time. They will draw several winning tickets each day for the toy prizes.
- The 3rd Grade Musical Concert will be on Dec 7th at 6:30 at Willowick Middle School.
- The 1st Instrumental Band Concert will be in the large gym on Dec 19th at 6:30.

TEACHER REP REPORTS (Kg, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Special Ed, Specials):

- KG: Map testing starts next week. Currently working on Christmas projects, assessments for report cards, and class pictures. The children have started using Compass.

- 1st: Map testing starts next week. Science projects are working on the designing process and the children will be building things in class. Reading finished on maps and the children made bedroom and classroom maps. They are currently working on time and holiday activities. For math the students are doing double digits and subtraction up to 20.
- 2nd: Daniel Kline from the YMCA has finished the Kindness Lessons and Activities. Beth Bolis from Ohio State is starting to come in once a month to do science lessons. The 1st lesson was identifying different types of recyclable materials. The 2nd lesson will be on identifying which recyclable items are magnetic. The students are able to participate in a \$5 book exchange (optional). The boys will exchange books with boys and the same for the girls. For Social Studies the students are learning how Christmas is celebrated differently in other countries. Working on Realistic Fiction and reading "Sled Dogs Run". The students will write their own realistic fiction stories. The students are putting together "Smiley Sandwiches" for grammar projects. Mrs. Langer's classroom is working on a book about "All My Family" and it will be published through Treasure Island Publisher. Parents may purchase the book for \$25. The students are working on the "Dance Mat" project to help them learn typing skills to assist in the AIR testing next year.
- 3rd: No rep in attendance
- 4th: Working on Selfish Elf math riddles packets. Working on animal and plant classifications in Science. Learning how to write paragraphs and will need to be able to write 3 paragraphs by the end of the year for the AIR test. Working on memorizing multiplication facts. Working on division. Division patterns will start before Christmas break.
- 5th: The PTA was thanked for donating a table at the Extravaganza to allow the students to sell gifts for parents, snacks, waters, etc. The proceeds are going to the Mayor Challenge which has a goal to purchase a bench in honor of late Mayor Bonde and place it between Royalview and Willowick Middle. They will also sell Smencils at this table to help earn money for the care of the Courtyard. The DARE graduation will be on Dec 8th with role Models from North High School. Just finished an explorer project in Social Studies, which in previous years have been on Native Americans. This year they researched and explored and came up with a PowerPoint presentation and presented it to the class. Students working on winter scenes in which they decorate sugar cones with frosting and candy. Some teachers are going to the second math workshop with Linda Gojack on December 13th.
- Special Ed: Working on meeting individual student goals, finishing testing and making parent gifts.
- Music: 3rd Grade Musical Concert Dec 7th at 6:30 at Willowick Middle School. The Instrumental Band Concert will be on Dec 19th. The school sing-a-long will be on December 21st 9:30-10:30 and 1:15-2:15.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT'S

- MEMBERSHIP (Joyce Keough): Membership is at 329. Laura has placed the certificates outside the teacher's doors.
- SPIRIT WEAR (Laura Kramer): Nov sales: \$30. Laura is working to finalize the spiritwear website.
- ROADRUNNER FUN RUN (Kristen Morbeto): Royalview had 59% profit from the Fun Run. The final profit was \$23,135.65, which was after purchasing winning class prizes and supplies for the duct tape challenge and teacher incentive gift cards. The contract has been set for next year with one change: The Fun Run will be done on a Friday, with close monitor of weather forecasting and a decision will be made on Thursday if it should be done indoors or outdoors. The Fun Run will be done on the Friday if done outside; however if the weather doesn't permit, the Fun Run will be split into 2 days; Friday and the proceeding Monday.
- KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOK SALE (Kristen Morbeto): The KidStuff coupon books were sold strictly by brochure orders only due to having such a successful Fun Run fundraiser. Books were sold with a total profit of \$587.50. There are 3 books left available for purchase which will be available at the Extravaganza. There is one unclaimed book order as well, in which parents may contact the PTA.
- ELECTION DAY BAKE SALE (Kim Kolenc): Profit of \$364.13.
- SKATING PARTY (Amanda Mitchell): There were 336 paid skaters and the PTA received ½ of their admission which was a total profit of \$336. The next skating party will be in February and the PTA will receive the entire admission for total profit. There was \$290 budgetted for purchasing prizes at the skating party. 33 Names were drawn for prize winners. There is already a supply of prizes purchased for the next skating party.

WAYS & MEANS

- POPCORN (Amanda Mitchell): there were an additional 240 same day sales for Nov with an additional profit of \$120. There was a total of 660 bags popped. The sales have doubled from last year and it now takes the entire day to finish popping the popcorn and distributing the bags to the classrooms. There are always additional popcorn bags left in the office in case someone was forgotten. Dec 16th is the next Popcorn Day.
- SCHOOLa (Laura Kramer): No updates.
- MARCO'S PIZZA NIGHT - NOV (Laura Kramer): \$1,569.74 in sales and a profit to the PTA of \$292.81, which has decreased from previous months. The Pizza Party winners were Mrs. Langer and Mrs. Davis.
- FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Laura Kramer): YTD just over \$30,000. Kohl's has a program in which they donate \$500 each time they send an employee to help with a project; however, October was a special month in which they donated \$1,500 instead. The Royalview PTA used 2 Kohl's volunteers during October, which earned a \$3,000 donation from Kohl's. Due to such a successful fundraising year, an additional Chrome Cart has been purchased for the students.

OLD BUSINESS

- MAKING MEMORIES GRADE LEVEL GRANT (Laura Kramer): The 3rd Grade grant was approved for cookies after the Music program. Laura will place the notice in the teacher's mailbox.
- NORTH BINGO/GUEST (Mr. Brian Patrick): Volunteers are needed to assist in working Saturday bingo nights in any way possible. Bingo nights are very easy money making initiatives that do not require a lot of work with sales, collections, returns, etc. Any

charitable organization throughout Eastlake and Willowick may work (i.e. PTA, baseball, basketball, football, etc.). North brings in approximately \$0.5 Million/year profit from bingo and other fundraising initiatives which benefits the students fees for sports, uniforms, band equipment, ACADAC, etc.

- A total of 7 volunteers are needed to run bingo (2 mgrs , 2 bankers, 1 caller, 2 concessions). The amount of volunteers for bingo is diminishing and Mr. Patrick is trying to obtain help within the community from parents and family of children that will eventually be going to Eastlake North High School. If volunteers are not able to be obtained, they will have to eliminate the Saturday bingos that occur twice/month, which is approximately a \$60,000 loss. There have been enough volunteers for the Thursday night bingos, it is Saturday nights that have become a problem to find volunteers.
- A banker pays money only for bingo winners, they do not work with instants. Managers will document the serial number off the instant boxes. The managers keep track of the money to be sure there is going to be enough. Managers and bankers do not sell anything. The only volunteers that sell are instants and concession. North has sufficient volunteers for selling instants.
- Having the volunteers will work bingo for free (approximately 4-5 hours) and money will be donated directly back to their organization (PTA). The money can even be requested by the volunteer to have the money earned for his/her hours towards a specific grade level activity. Shifts can be split between 2 different volunteers.
- All volunteer hours may be signed up online and settings can be made in which email or text reminders are sent to you.
- There will always be a resourceful person at bingo for all volunteers to work with.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA** (Sally Suponcic, Cathy Naro, Tracy Latini): The Craft Fair is Dec 2nd from 4p-8p. Santa will be on site for pictures for students for \$5 each. All volunteers were contacted via phone to confirm. Set up will be from 12:30-4:00. Vendors will start setting up at 3:00. Every vendor must have items \$5 and under in order to allow the students to purchase gifts for their family. Additional higher priced items will also be available (i.e. home made soap, jewelery, ornaments, etc.). There will be 15 volunteers from the Ntl Jr. Honors Society to take kids shopping for family members. Entrance will be through doors by the library.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Class Pictures: Dec 7th & 8th
- No School: Dec 22 – Jan 3rd (Christmas Break)
- Next PTA Meeting: Jan 5th at 6:30 p.m.
- Meeting Raffle Drawing Winner: Toys R US Gift Card: Carol Bard

Respectfully Submitted By: Leslie Lynch, Recording Secretary

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