

## PTO MEETING

April 4, 2017

### Attendees:

Jill Brillhart  
Tamara Sillars  
Tammy Steckbauer  
Tiffany Torrens  
Rhonda Mathias  
Laurel Harder  
Deb Albee

Meeting began at 6:20 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Reports:
  - a. Principal's Report
    - i. Tammy congratulated the PTO on a great Breakfast Buddy morning. (Next year, food needs to be set aside for Safety Patrol, as well as more food overall.) But great success!
    - ii. New families are coming to Rib with the boundary changes. Tammy is working on a flyer to invite the new families to the Art Fair and Spring Fling. Teachers will be serving hors d'oeuvres. The flyer will explain that teachers will be in white shirts, and new families will be encouraged to talk to teachers if they'd like a tour or to meet more people. Similarly, at the Spring Fling, teachers will be in red Rib t-shirts so they can find staff members easily. These families can come and go as they please; the goal is to help those families feel more comfortable in the fall.
    - iii. At fall open house, a New Family Table will be set up, with gifts for the new kids.
    - iv. \$537.70 have come in through Box Tops that will be earmarked for the digital sign. Tammy reiterated that perhaps the township of Rib Mountain might need to be asked about the rules/regulations involving blinking digital signs in the neighborhood. Tamara stated that the "Finishing Touches" sign company does that research for their patrons.
    - v. Parenting tips – Tammy provided a handout from Angie Pliska regarding "7 Strategies for Preparing Children for New Experiences".
  - b. Teacher's Report
    - i. Tiffany commented on being in the midst of student testing; 4<sup>th</sup> grade now, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to follow. No computer issues so far. Kids are taking their time and doing their best.
    - ii. Report cards come out Friday.
    - iii. All classrooms are participating in a Woody Woodchuck reading program to earn incentives. Letters will be going home by the end of this week.

- iv. Our PBIS committee has planned a school-wide activity for the Thursday before Easter. Stay tuned!
  - c. President/Vice President report
    - i. Roxi shared with Tamara that she will make a flyer about Spring Fling for next week. She needs baskets for the donated items. She could use help contacting businesses with donation requests.
    - ii. Family Movie Night was enjoyable; Wausau West students were great leaders.
  - d. Treasurer's Report
    - i. \$8269.12 is our current balance.
    - ii. Scholastic Book Fair transactions are completed, as are the breakfast expenses.
    - iii. \$600 scholarships will be coming out soon (Wausau West graduates for Rib alumnus).
    - iv. Safety Patrol trip/rewards will be coming out soon too. Usually \$500 for the winner of the long-distance trip; \$50 for two students to the local trip; bowling party for all safety patrol students.
    - v. Jill brought up the 5<sup>th</sup> grade banquet, wondering who was in charge of planning it (June 5<sup>th</sup>). Tammy will ask Karen Clark details about this. PTO usually supports this event in some way monetarily.
- 3. Officer Nominations
  - a. We'll be voting for next year's officers at the May PTO meeting.
  - b. Rhonda will make a recruitment flier for PTO, including a digital copy to be sent to all the teachers. This information should also be on the PTO Facebook page.
- 4. Volunteer Appreciation Week – April 10-14<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Mrs. Torrens is cutting out letters to say "Thanks Volunteers" for the classes to decorate/hang.
  - b. The kids will make cards and "thank you" in the newsletter.
- 5. Teacher Appreciation Week – May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup> (Rib has approx.. 45 staff members)
  - a. One thing a week would be a neat way to celebrate.
  - b. Monday: potluck breakfast (Rhonda will coordinate), Laurel will bring balloons and juice. 7:30-7:40 drop off.  
 Tuesday: Tammy will brainstorm . . .  
 Wednesday: sweets and treats (Jill will coordinate)  
 Thursday: Tammy will brainstorm . . .  
 Friday: Qdoba lunch ordered in (Tamara will order)
- 6. Book Fair – report from Denise Lang
  - a. Great support. \$4000 in sales.
  - b. Our balance of "Scholastic Dollars" is \$3491.55. Typically these dollars are used for purchasing the Scholastic News for the classes (usually costs \$1000-\$1500).
  - c. We are in need of a coordinator of the Book Fair for next year.
  - d. The baskets of teacher wish lists went well.
- 7. Square 1 Art recap
  - a. We earned about \$600.

- b. Student self-portraits was a difficult thing to draw, perhaps participation would have been better with a different topic.
  - c. This fundraiser may not be worth doing again.
- 8. "My Local Deals" – Tamara asked if we want to do them next year. Mixed feedback. Other fundraising ideas were given.
- 9. Spring Fling
  - a. Set up at 3:30 for PTO members.
  - b. We need to solicit 30 parent volunteers for bounce houses and more for serving. Perhaps West has students that need volunteer hours. Tammy will ask about that.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40.