

Conrad Weiser Middle School
Parent Teacher Organization
347 East Penn Avenue
Robesonia, PA 19551

PTO Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015

Present: Kelley Noecker, Inza Adams, Beth Zimmerman, Principal Kenneth Buck, Jr., Nichole Noll, Gloria Troup, Joan Kaczmarczyk, Michelle Houck, and Carolyn Murphy.

Meeting called to order 6:31 p.m.

Inza Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Motion seconded by Joan Kaczmarczyk. Motion approved unanimously.

Principal's Report - The laptop bags were lost at the JFK airport. Delivered at 11:32 a.m. and all handed out by 1:30 p.m. Pedometers for 6th grade came in last week and are with the math teachers. Conrad Weiser Rotary will match the PTO funding for the pedometers. FFA dance was last Friday. October 30 will be an anti-bully assembly. A video is being made by the teachers. Harvest run is that afternoon. Costumes are oked (must follow dress code and no masks).

Treasurer's Report - Gifts and Things total is approximately \$16,200 with approximately 45% of that going to the PTO. Last year, 14 8th grade students brought in orders and this year it doubled to 28. Mrs. Mason's 5th grade class was the top room and will receive a pizza party. Carolyn Murphy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Joan Kaczmarczyk. Motion approved unanimously.

Presidential Fitness Awards - Pete Chamberland requested \$341.25. There is \$500 budgeted as a line item for this. Approved.

Clothing request from the nurse - gym shorts and sweatpants, underwear. Kelley will pick these up. Beth has sweatpants she can donate.

Summer Reading Program - request for \$250. This is a line item for \$300 on the budget under "Teacher Equipment Requests." Approved.

Meet the Teacher Night - discussed what the comments were at the last meeting so Mr. Buck would know the feedback. Plans for next year will include moving the tables to another location, probably the café.

Chalk Fest - the gentleman who brought this idea up last month was not present this month for further discussion.

Fundraisers

- **Gifts and Things** - Pick up is November 19 from 2:45 to 7:00 p.m.
- **Giant, Redners Save a Tape Program, Box Tops** - no changes.
- **5 & Below** - will be November 25 to December 2, to include Black Friday. Have the flyer.
- **Cartridge World** - unsure how much has been dropped off
- **Tosco's** - \$10 coupon for a \$10 pizza and we would get \$5. Possibly sell the in January near the Super Bowl.
- **Rita's and Ice Cream on Filed Day** - on Field Day.
- **Jeans days by the teachers** - there will be two that will go to the PTO. December 4 and March 4.
- **Yogo Crazy, Sweet Frog, and Yogo Paradise** - Kelly has contacted them and looking at doing these in the spring.
- **Sandwich Sales** - Joan Kaczmarczyk is spear heading this. Joan and Kelley will count the money on October 30.
- **Vender Show** - biggest stumbling block is that we need insurance. A call will be placed to the company that offered insurance coverage to the high school PTO for their craft show. If it were to go ahead, the following things have been decided. December 6 from 1 to 4 p.m.. Free advertising only. Fee charged will be \$25 per table. It is open to home show venders, starting with people in the school district, limiting it to one vender per product line. Is going to be open to crafts as well. We will have a baked goods table. We cannot do a raffle; we do not have a license. Question about possibly using the school's Wi-Fi for orders to be taken. Gloria Troup made a motion to approve spending up to \$200 for insurance. Motion seconded by Joan Kaczmarczyk. Motion approved unanimously. We will include to the vendors that if we don't hit the minimum to break even on the tables compared to the cost of insurance that we will not have the show.

Newsletter - in the works. Need to include that several officer terms will be ending at the end of this school year.

Hospitality - no report.

Bulletin Board - went to cloth this year to avoid the paper being ripped when students pass by it.

Membership - new email set.

Babysitting - the high school has been given a list of the PTO meeting dates.

8th Grade Trip to DC - Discussion about fund raising. The sandwich sale flyer was intended to be given to just the 8th grade students. On the plus side, it went to the entire school which means more students and more sales. Unfortunately, the wording on the flyer said it was for the 8th grade field trip and so the flyer wasn't as well received as it could have been by students, parents, or teachers in the other three grades.

Discussion about tension between groups over a heavy emphasis on the PTO paying for part the 8th grade trip and what the other grades get or have gotten in the past as well as discussion on how to defuse the tension. PTO has and will continue to fund things that sometimes benefit a grade or a group as well as thing that benefit the entire school and staff. Teachers, staff, parents, and students are encouraged to attend meetings with suggestions and requests for how to spend the funds raised as well as to suggest fund raisers and perhaps most importantly to spear head and assist in the fund raisers. There are far more ideas for fund raising than there are people to run them.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., in the library.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Zimmerman
Secretary