

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 1, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

President Heather Peoples called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., welcomed everyone, stated there were enough members in attendance to establish a quorum and led the flag salute.

Heather discussed how the PTA website is hard to use. Some suggestions were to ask the board to help us be able to navigate it more easily. Another suggestion was to pay a \$25 fee for a website called Doteasy.com. Other PTAs have been using it and like it.

Also, Heather talked about REMIND 101 which is an APP used by middle school teachers which is basically a text that can be sent out to parents regarding homework, events, etc. There is no way to reply to the texts. This is just another idea to possibly use here.

Another possible fundraiser idea is through Plymouth Rock (insurance company). For every quote given the PTA would receive \$20. No credit check required.

No changes were received so the minutes will be filed as written.

President Heather read a thank you note received from Mrs. Schulman.

TREASURER REPORT – Given by Melissa Hurst

Melissa stated that:

Balance as of June 3, 2014	\$14,096.60
Receipts	\$ 966.00
Disbursements	\$ 4,802.45
Balance as of October 1, 2014	\$10,260.15

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget review – There is a place for you to comment about the budget. Some topics are building new schools, redistricting, etc. This will be available beginning on November 1, 2014.
- RAZKIDS (reading website similar to First In Math) – The payment has been sent. We should be able to begin using it soon. The license will be good for one year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fundraising –

- A list of scheduled fundraising events was shared the nearest events being:
 - Write a check campaign (ongoing) as of now we have \$782
 - Kid stuff book sale – just about over. We sold 145 books – approximately \$1812.
 - Carella's Brown Dog Ice Cream – Profit \$125
 - Spirit Wear – Begins week of October 6
 - Classic Sub Shop – October 13- 10 am – 9 pm. Flyer will be available.
 - Not Just Clothing Drive – October 18
 - Fifth Grade Activities – Next meeting is October 20

- Membership cards are still coming in. Recommended that all adults in a family join, not just one adult.
- November 12 – TGIF
- Gift Card Sale – beginning November 17
- Barnes and Noble Night – December 5

Book Fair –

- Conference week – volunteers are needed
- Provides book for the classrooms and we earn a cash portion
- The winning class of the change collection gets to have Mr. Bookholdt read them a book while dressed as a Jester!

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- Mercer County PTA Dinner is on October 16
- Next Meeting is November 5, 2014
- We will give \$8 per child for parties.

TEACHERS REPORT – Mrs. Ferraris & Mrs. Minogue

- Thanked the PTA for the Kids Stuff books.
- Room moms met last week with Mrs. Minogue to go over party information.
- Mrs. Minogue asked to specify the reason for any absence so the district can keep track of illness, such as the flu, stomach bugs, etc.
- All children are washing their hands before lunch with soap and water in place of hand sanitizer.

PRINCIPAL REPORT – Mr. Bookholdt read by Mrs. Ferraris

- Roof repair is ongoing. As of now there are no leaks. Target completion date is still October 7, but will probably be delayed.
- Halloween procedures will be the same as last year. 12:00-1:15 the students may go home for lunch. Parade begins at 1:30. Information will be coming home soon.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- *Bricks for Kids* was discussed. This would be for 4-6 weeks afterschool for a fee. 15% would come back to the PTA. Needs to be approved before beginning.
- Madison Everett babysat during the meeting.
- The Eagle Scout has been approved. We gave him \$150 toward his project.
- The 50/50 winnings at the first general PTA meeting were donated back to our PTA. Thank you to Mr. Dominick Vizzoni!

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Nancy Wolak