

Table Mound Parent Teacher Committee
Monday, January 9th, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Call meeting to order – Kate Arling & Jill Miller

Introductions

Officer and Committee Reports

- Secretary Update – Julie Templen
 - o Previous meeting was in November, no changes needed to minutes
- Treasurer's Update – Tracy Bechen
 - Acct balance \$26,780.37 on last statement, \$28,157.22 on 1/9/17.
 - Checks not yet cashed \$428.17 & \$94 for classrooms
- Scrip Update – Jenny Oliver
 - o Jenny provided Scrip balance sheet with totals by classroom
- Box Top Update – Molly Bahl
 - o Around \$1200 received for March – December Box Tops
 - o \$172.70 received from Shoparoo
 - o \$35.99 received from Coke Rewards
 - o \$10 received from Amazon Smile
 - o \$25 received from Subway
 - o \$25.68 received from Pampered Chef

Old Business:

- Vendor Fair – Nov 19 -Rachel FitzPatrick
 - o This year: 42 vendors - \$1260 table sales (2015: 58 tables & \$1605 sales)
 - o Jill will provide: \$_____ raffle sales, \$_____ Bake Sale/Lunch sales
 - o Determined that the number of vendors and flow of the layout worked much better
 - o Maybe increased signage next time? Some visitors were not familiar with school layout
 - o Date for next year – ETA Saturday Nov 18 (2nd choice Saturday Nov 11th)

- Music Program – Kate Arling and Jill Miller
 - o 4th & 5th Dec 5th - Juice was donated by McDonald's. Have enough left over for next program. Jill made the cookies, had a very close estimate & did not have too many left over
 - o 3rd & 2nd Feb 6th - _____

- Skate Nights – Nov and Dec recaps -Rachel FitzPatrick
 - o Around \$45 from November & around \$88 from December

- Subway Nights – Christi Wertzberger
 - o Subway nights are going well, require no effort, once a month on skate night

- "Give Back" recap (canned food drive) – Jaime Capesius and Carrie Kremer
 - o 802 lbs of food collected
 - o Claires Cares very happy with school's efforts
 - o 4th grade nominated the winner and received a pizza party
 - o Classes had some confusion about the competition, had put their donations into other class barrels when their own were full

- o Next year ideas: maybe less competition and more focus on the Spirit Of Giving
- o Promote the idea of Kindness Is Enough of a reward for donating
- o More food need during summer months (kids are home more, causing financial hardship on families, and community donations drop off)
- o Maybe do an end of school year food donation effort instead of during the holidays
- Table Mound Ski – January 2nd -Tracy Bechen
 - o 92 or 96 skiers this year – only 1 no-show
 - o Event was well organized
 - o Weather was wonderful – helped with attendance
 - o Next year – maybe mention “Family” in the flyer, because anyone can participate in this event at this price - not just Table Mound students

New Business:

- Funding Requests/Approval –
 - o Pre-K – literacy materials, listening station
 - o K -apple orchard tour, busses for bowling and Swiss Valley, sound system for Ms. S
 - o 1st – River Museum trip, units off website “Teachers Pay Teachers First”, Reimbursed \$94 for Polar Express Day
 - o 2nd -field trip to University of Dubuque play, field trip TBD (water plant, recycling center, etc)
 - o 3rd – Scholastic News, trolley to River Museum (\$7/student + \$300/trolley x 3)
 - o 4th - \$850 for Living History Farms (after applying for grants). Other ideas: Herbert Hoover Museum, Putnum Museum, River Museum
 - Special Olympics was paid for by Script
 - o 5th – bus costs for Symphony Orchestra, Body B, Bald Eagle watch
 - End of year ice cream bar and photo booth – PTC would like to provide this outside of the annual event ‘budget’
 - o Gym – has \$500 budget, but no requests received yet
 - o Art – already obtained the approval for clay art and 3-D projects
 - o Music – Accompanist & music for choir, xylophones, mallet, wood blocks, maracas
 - Already received \$150 for music programs for this school year
 - o Guidance – no reply received yet
 - o TAG – projection system, EPSOM \$429
 - o Special Needs – May 2 field trip Camp Courageous, \$9/student = \$54
 - o Water Bottle fillers – Mr. Hull submitted grant for full \$2500 to cover this
 - o Other school wide needs – Goal for all classrooms is to have sound systems
 - o Proposed: increase annual budget for art and music to \$500 to match gym budget.
 - Art currently \$100 and music currently \$150
 - Gym budget is higher due to roller skating that was done in the past
 - Discussed spending more on art and music, but not necessarily officially increasing the annual allotment.
 - Gym amount could be reduced
- Book Fair/ Spring, conferences are the week of February 20-23rd – Chad Walker
 - o Theme will be Happy Campers Smore Fun With Books
 - 21st and 22nd 3:30 – 8 pm
 - 23rd is for ½ day
 - Change collection for library books?
 - Have donation boxes for local businesses if needed

- School Movie Night – March 3rd;
 - gym opens at 6 with movie showing at 6:30
 - Restaurant night; Subway 3:30 – 6:30
 - Concessions stand: yes, have some items left from last year
 - For consideration: PTC buy the movie and raffle it off to an attendee at the end of the movie
 - Will decide on the movie during February PTC meeting
- Table Mound Ice Rink – March 17th – Tracy Bechen
 - Need a minimum number of attendees to break even, due to the cost of the ice time
 - Tracy will get additional information about the cost & the number of attendees needed
 - PTC should advertise early because this date falls over spring break week

Principal's Report – Mr Hull

- Parent volunteers are needed for the committee to determine how to spend the \$50,000 received from Dollar General
 - Technology devices & books will (generally) be funded by the \$50,000
- TM added 2 new staff members: one Life Skills Para and one 5th grade reading and math helper
- Congress school funding is trending down. “Allowable Growth” is the terminology used to determine the school budget increase, which is spent from the savings account.
 - Encourage parents and anyone else to petition Iowa Senator or Governor to increase the Allowable Growth to 4% and to apply a cap to transportation spending

Upcoming Date to Know and Remember:

2016/2017 Book Fairs: Spring Conferences – 2/20/17 – 2/23/17

Grand Harbor Splash Bash events Thursday, May 4th

Scheduled skating parties for 2015 / 2016 school year are: Thursdays... Feb 16, Mar 16, Apr 20, May 18

Music Programs – 2nd/3rd grade – Feb 6th K/1st grade –April 10

All School Movie Night(s) – March 3rd

Table Mound Ice Skate – March 17th

Fun Day – end of the year TBD

Next meeting – Monday, February 13th, 5:30pm, Monday March 20, Monday April 17

Note: PTC meetings are usually held the **2nd Monday** of the month