

# PTA Meeting Minutes

## Oct. 21/14

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Approved minutes from last meeting

### **Treasurers Report:**

- \$2,800 in donations. Monster Mash will have positive effect.

### **School Board: Mark Comeau**

- New Boilers online
- Approved more money for technology – upgrade switches, new Wireless Access Points, more laptops.
- Budget Season
- Classes at Pinkerton – Distance learning through teleconference for Algebra (for advanced students), possible expansion being discussed. Students will get Pinkerton credits if they pass.

### **Principal Report: Lori Collins**

- Fire Safety & Prevention has been going on and has been really successful.
  - K- 4<sup>th</sup> was done this past week. Kids are getting to know all the answers.
  - Kids are going home and talking about Fire Safety.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> had the Firefighter Challenge.
    - School Spirit is great.
    - Firefighters want to see this challenge done every year and not every other year just to get in to the schools is a value.
    - Will change it so the 6<sup>th</sup> graders don't have advantage.
- Turkey Donations – PTA has donated money for the turkeys
- NJHS – National Junior Honors Society applications were due today and selection is started
- Garden – Mrs. Smith has recently harvested corn
- Astronomy Night – Mrs. Smith
  - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Families, Preston Field (where the town bonfires used to be)
- First Quarter Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> Parent conferences

**Volunteer Coordinator** –Looking for one! we're using Volunteer spot.

**Book Fair:** Carrie Peabody

- Next book fair is December

**Children's Stage Adventure** – Kara Costello

**Garden: Mrs. Smith**

- Looking for volunteers to close out the season
- Picnic tables need to be sanded and painted (Mr. T is going to help)
- Need some help pruning
- Need help planting the Mums (Nicole Krygeris volunteered)
- Many of the garden club kids are also on the recycling committee, so they are busy.
- Will be growing wheat in the winter and also garlic.
- Chester Superintendent came and loved the garden program.

**Monster Mash:**

- Need Halloween decorations donated if you have spare
- Middle School can help decorate- Mrs. Smith will have a few help out.
- Need volunteers – it is this Friday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>
- New things – glow in the dark party.
  - Cafeteria will have non glow in the dark
  - Selling pizza

**Box Tops:**

- \$3,000 raised last year with Box Tops
- Send them in, first submission is in Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Labels for Education - 25K points left over from last year is going towards physical education.
- Mark will put the goal/target on the website to track

## **Membership**

- 111 Families and 171 members, we're 2/3 of where we were last year.
- Mark will get the email distribution and will send it out as reminder to sign up for the PTA
- Ideas for getting membership up and Meeting attendance up:
  - Need an incentive for membership – usually it's a \$1 off
  - When you go to a meeting there will be an incentive – like free raffle ticket for Holiday Fair
  - Have some middle school babysitters.

## **Website: Mark Comeau**

- Website is public – events can be posted, if you want a page for your event Mark can do that.

## **Student Directory: Mark**

- Directory will be printed soon and packages will be sent out (next couple of weeks)

## **Reflections: Jen Anderson**

- Information will go out in the next 2 weeks
- Theme is the World Would be a Better Place If...
- Entries due Nov. 7th
- Student entries due Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Awards AVS Thurs. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

## **Donations to the School:**

- Teacher desks – 4 desks are requested, we can get 4 desks \$75 each = \$300. **Motion approved** getting desks.
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> Grade 3-5<sup>th</sup> to Verizon Center for Monarchs Game – they will be doing contests during the game. They will be back at 1:15, we need 4 buses @ \$271/each = \$1,084. **Motion Approved.**
- Folding Tables – they are disappearing, used for communittee events. Need to buy 10 like at Sam's \$50/each = \$500. **Motion Approved.**
- Cheerleading mats – Lori Collins has tried to get Cheer coach but no one wants to teach here b/c we are not safe and we don't have the right equipment.
  - St. Joseph's has mats and will sell us their Cheer mats b/c they don't have a team. They were purchased 4 years ago and used only 4-5 times for \$5,000 and we could buy them for \$2,500.

- Lori Collins will go Friday Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> with someone that can help assess the quality and value of the mats.
- Mr. T also stated he could use them for many other things including gymnastics and team building to augment the physical education program.
- ACTION
  - Find out how long they last so PTA understands how long the investment will last
  - PTA approved \$2,500 for mats; Laura will go and see them with contacts that know more about them.
  - Analysis/comparison will be done whether we should purchase these used ones or buy new – PTA would be willing to purchase new if it makes more sense.
  - Need to compare cleanliness, quality, how long used ones will last vs. new ones etc.
  - Would need to clean the mats
- **Approved to hold \$2,500 to purchase mats.** This will allow Lori Collins to go and see the mats at St. Joseph's Friday and "hold" them if they look good. Comparison will be done between what can be purchased new vs. what St. Joseph's is selling.
- Note – The PTA has \$8K in a bank account

### **Attendees:**

Sarah Lawrence (president)  
 Jen Boisvert (vice president)  
 Heather Daigle  
 Jennie Geddes  
 Chris Szatynski  
 Nicole Krygeris  
 Wendy Smith  
 Lori Collins  
 Deb Comeau  
 Mark Comeau  
 Lisa Laventure  
 Sarah Galler (secretary)