

Minutes:

- Welcome: Board
  - Board, Dr. Sartorius and all present introduced themselves. We had several new faces in attendance.
  
- Earn and Learn Presentation: Breigh Weiss
  - This is a behavior incentive program Mrs. Weiss uses in her 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom where students are given a checkbook with a \$55 balance. Students make deposits and withdrawals based on their behavior. In May, they may use their \$ to donate to a charity. Community members are asked to match the classroom money so that students can learn the importance of donating to a charity. This year the 2 charities will be the National Wildlife Fund and Make a Wish Foundation. Up to now, Mrs. Weiss has had just over \$600 donated. Her goal is \$1000. PTO promised to make up the difference in May.
  
- Fall Fundraiser: Board
  - Updates:
    - All forms and payments are due this Friday, 9-18-2015. Online sales seem to be up this year. October 13, 2015 is pick-up. Volunteers are being organized to help with the pick-up. All \$ raised goes directly back to the school. This year, it is our hope to purchase a class set of iPad Airs.
  
- Budget: Donna Alkire
  - Donna passed out a budget for the school year and current balance of \$19,465.64. Details were given on how that money is used to support our school. PTO provides the following:
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp scholarships
    - Spelling Bee and Math competition entrance fees
    - Teachers' field trip admissions.
    - Playground equipment
    - Technology for our school
    - Community building activities, i.e. Breakfast with Santa
    - And so much more!
  
- Committee Reports:
  - Volunteer Coordinator: Dani Taliferro (danit21@hotmail.com)

- This committee organizes parent volunteers to monitor and assist the school during Picture Days, Kindergarten registration and Polling days.
- Bulletin Boards: Amy Grana (agrana401@gmail.com)
  - This committee decorates the bulletin board in the front hall by the multi-purpose room.
- Rebate Programs: Arrica Kilburn (larrica2001@yahoo.com)
  - This committee collects, counts and submits the following rebates such as: Box tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels. It was also mentioned that Campbells still accepts soda can tabs.
- Spirit Wear: Misty Ostrem (mistyostrem@yahoo.com)
  - This committee organizes tshirt/sweat/shirt sales for our students, families, and staff. Currently, part of our order has been submitted and the rest will be submitted soon. There is interest in doing a Fall/Winter sale that would include long sleeve tshirts.
- Staff Appreciation: Amy Johnson (amyljohnson10@gmail.com)
  - This committee organizes the teacher meals for parent-teacher conference days. The committee also gives out appreciation gifts for staff recognition days like Principal's Day, Secretary's Day, Paraprofessional Day, Nurse's Day, etc. The committee also organizes a meal and other treats for National Staff Appreciation Week, held the first week of May.
- Breakfast with Santa: Sam Schaeperkoetter (sethandsam@charter.net)
  - This committee organizes our annual community building activity known as Breakfast with Santa. This fun event is held on a Saturday morning in December where families can enjoy fellowship, a pancake breakfast, and a photo shoot with Santa.
- Spring Dinner/Art Show: Matt Schrick (mstanglx91@aol.com)
  - This committee works along with the art teacher to organize a pasta dinner and art show. Every student in the building will have a piece of art on display. Families come to enjoy both their child's artwork and eat a yummy pasta dinner. We have also held a bake sale that evening with desserts provided by staff.
- Buzz Book: Stacy Youmans (youmansfamily@charter.net)
  - This committee collects all the Buzz Book order forms and compiles the information into the book. Any family that has

paid the \$5 membership fee receives this helpful student directory.

- Family Fun/School Spirit: Board
  - This committee plans restaurant nights and skate nights, which are both entertaining and provide small donations to our school. JoJo's Yogurt Day will be on the next Early Release Day, Oct. 3. We have 2 Skate Day/Night activities planned on Dec.29 and Feb.23.
  
- Other Business:
  - More Restaurant Nights
  
  - Spring Pizza Sale
    - The idea of a Yankee Candle Sale was mentioned as a possible fundraiser for next year.
  
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