

Lewisburg Elementary PSA Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2009

Those present: Tara Humphrey, Lisa Bernard, Carmen Terry, Brett Hoffmaster, Paula Reber, Marcey Nolan, Katie Gill, Cayce Carlsson, Katie Cavanagh, Kim Gilger, Tara Michaels, DeAnn Barrett, Carolyn Garisto, James Marshall, Rachna Sachdev, Jamie Bartlett, Cindi Martin, Dustin Dalton, Elizabeth Cooper, Kristen McVicar

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm. Introductions were made and minutes from September's meeting were reviewed. Carolyn Garisto motioned to accept the minutes and it was seconded by Katie Gill.

Committee Reports:

Related Arts: The committee has been working hard to switch some of the guests around so that the funds will stretch through the end of the year. At this point an author and illustrator have been switched. They are still working on getting Billy Kelly in to perform. The committee is also looking at not rescheduling Sendeky's puppets due to dissatisfaction of last years performance.

Campbell Soups: There is an open submission policy for soup labels so they will be sent in periodically.

Box Tops 700 Boxtops submitted for September and 600 for October.

Newsletter: James Marshall coordinator. Get info to him as soon as possible. November 2nd is the deadline for October and November 30th is the deadline for November.

Fundraising: Voting on the style of the shirt while meeting is taking place. Blue Herron has the best price and they will be able to get them to us 2 weeks after the orders are submitted. Samples will be available at both schools during Parent/Teacher conferences. Shirts will be crewneck, short sleeve t-shirts and well as a hoodie and a v-neck t-shirt.

Dragon Dash is on track. The committee is looking for corporate sponsors for \$1500 to cover the cost of forms, water and stickers.

Building Coordinators: Picture day is this week at Kelly Elementary.

Picture Day went smoothly at Linntown

Principal's Report:

Paula Reber reported that Open House had a great turn out with 85% of the families present. Chorus has begun rehearsal for the Holiday concert. The Concert will be held on December 14th for the 4th grade and December 15th for the 5th grade. Both concerts will be held at the High School.

Dustin Dalton reported that school pictures will be taken this Thursday and Friday. All of the Open Houses have been packed.

Old Business:

At Linntown Open House parents were able to opt out of the paper copy of the newsletter and just view it on line. About 25% of the parents choose to opt out. The newsletter will be available on the website. It will not be e-mailed to the family but a reminder e-mail will be sent when it is available to be read.

Marcey Nolan, directory coordinator, reported that all data bases have been merged and she is in the process of going through all the forms to be sure the info is accurate and that only the info the parents wanted included shows up. It is a tedious and time consuming process but it is coming along. People can still be added if need be.

Dustin Dalton reported back to the PSA that he has received some information regarding the Kelly Elementary sign. There are many varieties and options. According to Kelly Township the sign must be 65 feet from the middle of the road and front facing . This eliminates the need for a double sided sign. There is sufficient light form the lamp post so no additional light is needed. The estimated cost from 21st Century Sign in Williamsport is \$5,000.00. Several questions were raised including why isn't this coming out of the district budget and the answer was that it is not considered capital improvement so that it is difficult to get funding for it.

Because of the amount requested, a vote would need to be held. It was decided that this request would be tabled until after the Dragon Dash. If the money is there at that point most people did not have a problem with the request. Dustin will get an official proposal and then table it to vote on around January.

The Book Fair was a success at both schools. We have exceeded our profit goals. The book fair for next fall has been set for the last full week of September for Kelly and the 1st full week of October for Linntown. Scholastic is very happy with the business our schools have been doing.

New Business:

PSA Skating Party: Last year we had budgeted \$250 - \$300 to hold the skating party and only about 100 children showed up. The question was raised if we should continue to hold the event or discontinue it and look for something else.

The second Community Dialogue will be held October 27th at the high school. There will be a tour of the High School prior to the dialogue. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. They are very informative meetings.

Thrifty Threads is looking for items to help stock the shelves. This is especially true during the holidays and with the colder weather approaching. Gift bags and gift wrap are also needed. Mrs Trappani will gift wrap items and put together gift baskets for the holidays.

Educational Grants: The PSA normally offers about \$100 in educational grants to each teacher depending on how well the fundraisers do each year. The question was raised whether we want to change the time frame of these grants until after the fundraisers to see how much we can offer or should we just set the amount now. Will it be too late to offer the grant after the Dragon Dash? Most teachers use the money received to supplement the curriculum they already have. At this time the teachers will now apply in February for grants to be given in May for the next school year.

Treasurer Report: We currently have a total of \$38,116.84. We have received \$145 more in sponsorships. Kristen has given an additional \$100 to Mary Ritter for student assistance for field trips and other items. Tammi Cristini has purchased some playground equipment (balls, jump ropes) The question was asked why we have so much money in checking. Kristen will look into this and possibly decide on purchasing a CD.

Yearbooks: Carolyn Garisto will be in charge of the Linntown yearbook and Vicki Hoffman will be in charge of Kelly's. The price of Linntown's yearbook will be increased to \$12.50. Carolyn can accept pictures until March 15th for the yearbook.

We still have \$2700 Scholastic dollars available. We will look into possibly using this money to supplement the delay in the educational grants. Another possibility would be for new teachers to use this money to get new books for their classrooms.

Next meeting will be November 16, 2009 at Linntown. There being nothing further to discuss, Tara Michaels moved to adjourn meeting at 8:10 seconded by Cindi Martin

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Bernard