

Fayston Elementary School

PTO

Tuesday November 12, 2013

PRESENT: Jean Berthiaume, Kitty Friedman, Jo Ann Billings, Sarah Stavraky, Jill Ellis, Linda Sinnott, Erika Lindberg, Cari Wilson.

MINUTES: Jill moved and Kitty seconded to approve the minutes of September 16, 2013. Vote: all in favor. Sarah moved and Jill seconded to approve the minutes of October 8, 2013. Vote: all in favor.

PRINCIPALS REPORT: Jean had nothing formal to present, as discussion regarding an iPad request is on agenda in Continuing Business.

TRESURERS REPORT: See attached. Ending bank balance as of 11/12/13 \$12 742.71.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- **First Morning Breakfast:** Approximately 20 people responded to the Survey Monkey questionnaire. At this point it seems that the majority of people like the event. Cari will bring the complete results to the next meeting.
- **Lunchroom Tables:** Jean is requesting the PTO purchase two round tables as a test. Tables have been found on eBay in the price range of \$500-\$600 each (unclear if price included shipping), but he cannot purchase anything online through the Supervisory Union easily at this point – but the PTO could. Discussion ensued regarding the effectiveness of the tables. Everyone was in agreement that it would be a nice change and great for the lunch room.
- **Purchase of 5 iPads and 15 iPad minis:** Jean has requested that this number of iPads be purchased through a 3 year lease to own program. The cost is as follows:
 - \$498 each for iPads, totaling \$2490.00, \$830/year
 - \$398 each of iPad minis, totaling \$5970.00, \$1990/year

Cari looked back through the financial reports and determined that the PTO had been spending \$4200 annually for the Mac Books. Support for the purchase for the iPads was voiced (and it was suggested we purchase enough to be sure we would have a 1:1 student to iPad ratio), but there was not support for the purchase of the iPad minis at this point.

MOTION: Sarah moved and Jill seconded the purchase of 8 iPads, at the cost of \$3984 (\$1328/annually for 3 years). Vote: all in favor.

MOTION: Jill moved and Sarah seconded the purchase of two round lunch room tables for an amount totaling no more than \$1500. Vote: all in favor.

MOTION: Linda moved and Kitty seconded moving out of Continuing Business on to Committee Reports. Vote: all in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Trunk and Treat:** All agreed it was a great success and extended thanks to Heather Hammond for her organization of the event. Two suggestions were presented as ideas for next year: possibility of holding it on Halloween night, and shortening the evening to one hour. Cari to ask Heather for a brief summary. A suggestion was made to send out a questionnaire via Survey Monkey; Jill to run with this.
- **Fundraising:**
 - **Original Works** – tabled until next meeting.
 - **Water Bottles** – Sarah reported that we are almost sold out of the stainless steel bottles (only color left is black) and that we have approximately 100 plastic bottles left in all colors. Sale from the bottles has made a profit of approximately \$250 at this point. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of placing another order for stainless bottles, Sarah to look into the possibility of ordering more bottles at the same cost we have paid, but for a smaller quantity.
 - **Vermonte Carlo** – Sarah reported on the committee heads at this point. Most are covered; the 3 areas in need are Tickets (Cari stepped up to lead this), Auction (Kitty stepped up to lead with the help of Jo Ann) and PR. It was decided that Sarah will compose an email to be sent out to the school community seeing if there might be a parent interested in PR.
 - **Lake Monsters Fund Raiser Opportunity** – tabled until next meeting.

MOTION: Kitty moved and Jill seconded moving out of Committee Reports on to New Business. Vote: all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parent letter Non-Profit status and solicitation:** Cari presented a letter announcing the new status obtained last year, and making a plug for a donations

to the PTO. Discussion ensued about who should be the recipient of the letter – it was decided that the current parent population will receive it, but that it will not be sent to local business owners. Kitty to make edits to the letter as discussed by the group, with the hopes that it will be sent out in the next 1 to 2 weeks.

- **Book Fair** – tabled until next meeting.
- **Bylaws Review/Revision** – tabled until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Next meeting: Tuesday December 10, 2013 @ 6:00pm

