

Big Flats Elementary PTO Meeting, 11/5/13

1. Completed or Ongoing Events

- a. **Fall Fundraiser:** (Lynette Hampton) SaveAround Fundraiser was successful. As of 11-5-13 we made \$2200.00 in cash. There are still 55 books that have not been returned. Lynette is going to send out reminders to have books returned. It is estimated that we will make a total of \$3000-3500.
- b. **Make a Difference Day:** (Amy Bo) Several families attended the coffee hour at Elcor. It went very well and the residents loved it. Donuts, hot chocolate, and coffee were served. Students gave the residents pictures that they made in school. Residents said it was the best coffee hour ever!
- c. **Halloween Dance:** (Christy Harmer) Halloween Dance went well. It was very busy and chaotic. Parents commented to Mrs. Scaptura that the earlier time was better and that one hour for the dance was plenty. The food pantry was thankful for the food donations that were collected at the dance.

2. Ongoing/Upcoming Events

- a. **Student Directory:** It has been sent to the print shop but not sure how long it will take to have it back. BOCES is currently backed up.
- b. **Spirit Wear Sale** (Danielle Johanson) Sale will be held from November 12th-19th (Tuesday to Tuesday). There are some changes this year. There are no sweatpants and we added a tote bag. We are not charging as much this year for the items so there won't be as much of a profit. There was a suggestion that a reference be added to the order sheet as to how the sizing runs.
- c. **Spirit of Giving** (Kelly DeGuire) Students will be making an ornament shaped like a cupcake during the week of December 2-13th. Students will be making the ornaments on the stage.
- d. **Holiday Food Drive** Kristen Orvek volunteered to chair this event. Food collected during December 2-13th will be donated to Big Flats Community Food Bank.
- e. **Family Fun Night** Holli Wood and Lynette Hampton are going to organize this event. It will be held Friday, January 10th at 6:30. There will be popcorn and a movie. Students can wear their pajamas. A donation of a canned good is the price of admission.
- f. **Winter Festival** (Lynette Hampton) The Winter Festival will be held Friday, February 7th at 6:00 pm. Lynette is looking for volunteers to form a committee. We need people to be in charge of donations, the prize room, and the cake wheel. The youth group will help run the games. Lynette is looking into how to increase the money raised for the raffle. Last year we raised \$900 for the raffle. Lynette feels we should be making double that amount due to the amount of raffle prizes we have.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (Jill Staats) \$162 was spent on purchases for the school store. The Scholastic bill came in at \$1197. The \$140 for the PTO insurance was paid. \$100 for Scrip came in and we are expecting a \$500-\$600 check for BoxTops. Our ending balance was \$14,520.
4. **School Store** (Deanna DeWeese) School Store is off to a slow start. We are only making \$7-\$8 per day. Normally we make \$20. Deanna said if things do not pick up she will send home reminders that the School Store is open on Wednesdays and Fridays.
5. **Site Based Team** (Becky Parks absent Mrs. Scaptura presented) Site Based Team met on November 4th. The main topic discussed was our upcoming Board of Education Meeting Presentation that we will be hosting at Big Flats Elementary on Thursday, January 30th, 2014. Mrs. Scaptura stated that the Site Base Team would like to keep the presentation to the allotted time of 15-20 minutes for the presentation. The Board of Education meetings will most likely be well attended due to the facilities discussions.
6. **Parent Council** (Molly Brown) Common Core was discussed. It is up to each individual school to educate parents on the Common Core Curriculum. A 72 member focus group has been organized to discuss all the possibilities for the schools' reorganization. All the proposals (17 total) are available in the main office. Proposals are ranked from best to least favorable. These proposals will be given to a team of teachers, administrators, and community members to get their opinions. Implementation Team will then share their options with the school board. The board will vote to narrow options down in December and plans to select a scenario in June 2014. Any questions or concerns can be emailed to Molly and she will share at the next meeting.
7. **iPad Update** (Mrs. Scaptura) iPads are in. Teachers do not have them yet. Mrs. Scaptura is working with the tech department. We should know price total in about a week.
8. **Dinner night fundraisers** (Holli Wood) Fundraiser will be held on November 18th-19th at Ruby Tuesday. 20% of the check total will be donated to PTO. Fundraiser will be all day. Families just need to bring a coupon.
9. **Questions, suggestions, and comments**

Lynette Hampton volunteered to organize a Fall Breakfast for the teachers. It will be held on a Tuesday, probably before Thanksgiving. Lynette is just going to do muffins, bagels, and juice.

