**PIE Meeting**

**Thursday, February 7, 2012, 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

Parents: Krys Pezza, Karen Elsner, Lauren Micciantuono, Jen Smith; Tanya Keating, Deb Rogers, Christine Connors, Heather Lambrecht, Jim Green, Regina Bailey, Renald Cajuste, Venante Joseph, Cathy Wilkerson, Tina Walnista, Regina (on phone)

Jen motioned to approve the minutes; Krys 2nd.

**RECENT PIE EVENTS**

Harlem Wizards

* Jen Smith chaired the event held at FRCS on January 14: Harlem Wizards vs. FeRoCiouS.
* The event was a huge success; we sold 771 tickets and raised over $3,000 after all expenses.
* The Harlem Wizards players did 2 assemblies on bullying at FRCS and at a couple of the local schools
* Feedback was very positive. One comment was people wished it was a non-school night.
* We have booked next year for 1/17 (Friday night).
* Ideas raised for next year based upon feedback from this year:
* Coat check - it was decided there would be too much potential for mix-up of coats and we wouldn’t do this.
* Use ushers to help keep filling in seats
* Reach out to Invensys about parking. If we did this we would need to staff the parking.

FRCS Open House

* There were a lot of people in attendance; it was very successful.
* The set up somewhat by-passed where PIE was so PIE traffic may not have been as great as it could have been.
* There was discussion about future open-house activity.
  + There is an open-house for Kindergarteners in August; we should make sure it is part of that.
  + Kindergarten preparedness class during the summer – PIE could also have a table at some point during that class, such as drop off one day
  + If we give Karen Harris PIE brochures, she will include it in in mailings to new families
    - Some people felt when including info in summer mailings it may get lost in all the other materials.
  + Some people commented that people may not know what PIE is…they are used to PTO
  + Someone mentioned they were at a school that had a “Skills Set Activity Sheet” for parents to fill out at the beginning of each year, asking things like when they are available, where they can help (i.e. doing things from home, volunteering in the class or at events, time of day they can help, etc.)
  + School potluck – will occur in spring

K-5 Family Night

* The event went great; there were 39 families in attendance
* The only suggestion for the school for next time is to have more volunteers to monitor kids activity; Ed indicated they observed some potentially dangerous activity (such as kids climbing on folded tables). PIE also suggested we need to set expectations for parents to be responsible for their kids activities.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Grade 6-12 Family night

* Is planned for Feb 15; however, the sweet-heart semi-formal got moved to that night. Due to snowstorm
* There were only 4 families that signed up to date.
* It was suggested we move it into March.
* It needs to be either a Friday night or a night when there is not school the next day.
* Tanya is working on some games but can’t chair it; we need to get some other people involved and identify a co-chair. Rowena might help

Book Fair

* When the space was reserved for the spring book fair, it was only put in for 2 days; Jen is trying to get a 3rd day.

Father-Daughter Dance

* Jen Smith chairing. To be held April 12
* Hollywood theme
* Photographer – will have 3 photographers

Someone asked if we could we do an upper school father-daughter dance in the future. It was mentioned Bishop Feehan does this with good success.

**MISC**

Back to school event

* Need a chair/co-chair for next year.
* Ideas were discussed. Given the success of the family night, one idea discussed was having a bring your own picnic and use the playground area with some activities.

Arts and Enrichment

* Future idea discussed was having Audubon come into classroom
* Ken Nesbit, a poet, is coming in for grades 1-4 on April 10; there will be 2 assemblies.
  + There was discussion on which classes get the writers workshop; clarification is needed – Jen will follow-up; the expectations was it would be multiple classes. We saw something that seemed to indicate the writers workshop is only for Karen Jackson’s class
  + Will do autograph session in the afternoon – we do not want to have kids feel bad about
  + There will be flyers going home

Uniform Closet

* Heather indicated she will chair this activity.

Fundraising Opportunities

* Follow-up on discussion with offering concessions at Mass Premiere games held at FRCS – it was mentioned may already have some sort of contract. Jen will talk to Ed Lucy to see what may be possible.
* Patriot’s games: Organizations can provide volunteers to work the concession stands at events. The organization gets $100 per volunteer who comes to the game. It tends to be a lot of work. If we were to pursue, we could do it so that the organization that the money was benefitting would have to supply the volunteers.

Logo contest

* Angela is going to lead
* Need to decide on a time frame for the contest.
* Incentive for winner: I-tunes or amazon gift card.
* Once we have a log make up stickers or pins – “Ask me about PIE”

Volunteers and Extended Day

* In the past it was brought up that if parents were volunteering afterschool and they needed to have their kids in extended day to do some they were being charged for that.
* Heidi B is putting a policy in place so that will not be the case. If people need to use extended day in order to volunteer, they will not be charged.

Box Tops and Take Charge of Education

* The Board is still determining how this money will be allocated in the future…does it continue to go to PIE to determine how to spend it or does it go to the school.

Shed for PIE

* To be 6x10
* Dean (Angela’s husband) could help with permits; he knows inspector
* Trying to get Jim Green to lead.

Getting Parents involved

* Kindergarten parents - can we be involved in the lottery night
* FRCS Men - It was suggested we hold a PIE night for FRCS men at a sports bar

PIE Meeting Info

* People continue to be interested in joining the meetings on-line, however, we continue to struggle with the speakers. They seem to work when being tested but participants have difficulty hearing during the meeting. It was suggested, there might be a student that is computer and technically savvy and interested in a project, that is willing to figure out the conference call system. Jen to e-mail Mr. Lavigne.
* The next meeting will be held at Bertucci’s (attendee’s will have to order something). There will be a PIE fundraiser the same day: a % of sales from people ordering from Bertucci’s anytime that day and brining in a flyer will go to PIE.
* Child Care: There was babysitting tonight. There were 5 kids with 2 7th graders. It will count as community service for the 7th graders.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2012, 7:00PM**