**PIE Meeting**

**Thursday, December 13, 2012, 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

Parents: Krys Pezza, Karen Elsner, Lauren Micciantuono, Angela Yeaton; Jen Smith; Tanya Keating, Kim Whynacht, Deb Rogers, Christine Connors, Heather Lambrecht, Jim Green

On Phone: Heidi Marini, Rowena Koran, Regina Bailey.

Staff: Mr. Lavigne (Phone)

Jen motioned to approve the minutes; Angela 2nd.

**RECENT PIE EVENTS**

**Display My Art**

* Chair: Lauren Micciantuono
* Display My Art orders were delivered.
* To date, made approximately $2,000.
* We can leave the fundraiser open so people can continue to order items online until we close it out; it doesn’t cost anything to do so. It was decided to leave it open until Mother’s/Father’s Day.
* There were kids in 2nd grade with water bottles with their artwork on it and they loved it. It was suggested we get pictures of the kids and use in an e-mail notification to let people know they can still order items; we should also do a notification in early April so people an order things for Mother’s Day and Father’s Day if they chose.

**Holiday fair**

* The Holiday Fair was held Dec 12 and 13 in the Media Center.
* The event was a success and we had a lot of parent volunteers.
* Will estimate how many parent hours were spent on the event and put a thank you in the Spirit/weekly e-Newsletter.

**UPCOMING PIE EVENTS**

**Harlem Wizards**

* Jen Smith chairing the event to be held at FRCS on January 14: Harlem Wizards vs. FeRoCiouS.
* The student who came up with the winning team name is going to be a water person.
* The FeRoCiouS team is complete. PIE is donating FRCS sweatshirts to the FeRoCiouS players. Since we were short XLs, we are getting a “Coach Logan” sweatshirt for Dr. Logan. We will have about 7 left…we will “throw them into the audience; we will ask the “Falcon” do that.
* Ed Lucy has said we can use the hallway leading to the office for selling concessions since the area right outside the gym will be too small with souvenirs and snacks. Snacks have to be from the safe snack list and meet wellness guidelines.
* Ed Lucy said the only drinks allowed in the gym will be FRCS water bottles. It was suggested we can sell water in the FRCS water bottles. We have about 350 left.
* We have 750 tickets available. To date, we have sold about 100 & given out 6 complimentary to people helping us out.
* The Wizards will give 2 presentations during the school day. In addition, they will be giving presentations at three other local schools. The theme of the presentations is around bullying.
* Christine Connors suggested making a video ad for the game that can be played in homerooms.
  + One of the staff, H. Hardy, is big into video production…may be willing to create ad and video the game with help of some of the students.
* It was suggested we approach Foxborough Cable Access about covering the Harlem Wizards Game.

**MISC**

PIE Survey

A survey was conducted to get gauge parents understanding of what PIE is, what we do and the perception of PIE and what keeps parents from attending meetings/volunteering.

* One of the issues that came out for parents not attending the PIE meetings is childcare.
  + Jen reached out to Jamie Droste and others about having upper school kids helping to babysit.
* Some people commented that days and times were an issue
  + Some people would like to see the meeting earlier. This is also true of staff who may be at work later and then don’t want to come back for a 7:00 meeting.
* Question around getting more men involved
  + They typically want something specific to do and not something more open ended and would prefer it be related to their interests.
  + For many it is hard to schedule something during the day.
* Some people indicated they would volunteer but they want to have a defined activity they are volunteering for (where there is a defined beginning and end).
* Feedback on the use of Sign-Up Genius was good.
* There was some feedback that indicated we need to make sure parents new to PIE feel welcome, that their ideas count and that people who sign up to volunteer are contacted.
* The survey results will be reviewed in more detail and actions identified.

Teacher/staff perception/knowledge of PIE

* Christine Connors is a 2nd year parent and teacher.
* She indicated teachers do not have a clear understanding of what PIE does or how it fits in with the school as a whole. She suggested doing a survey with staff.

FRCS Community Night

* Rowena and Jen have discussed doing a monthly or bi-monthly community night. They want to gauge the interest of the FRCS community.

High School Movie-Night/Lock-in

* The seniors are asking for some funding to get a jumpy for their movie night/lock-in planned for January 11.
* We are willing to provide some funding for it but we need more information. We will go back to the kids and ask them to provide more specifics on prices, where to get it, etc. We will then communicate and vote over e-mail since waiting until the next meeting will be too late.

FRCS Board and Fundraising

* PIE will retain all of the sources of funding it has had in the past for this year.
* The board is evaluating funding sources for the school and related organizations across the board. They want to ensure the money is being used properly. The information for some of the funding sources say the money is for the school to decide how to use.
* PIE needs to stay engaged with the board on this and ensure we are able to maintain our funding sources. If there is any changing of funding sources there will have to be a discussion of who runs/manages those specific fundraisers.

Storage Space for PIE

* Jen had a meeting with Ed Lucy about storage for PIE.
* Ed indicated there is a place on school property where we can put a shed for our use. PIE would have to purchase it, lay cement, do to code, etc. The size of the shed could be up to 6’x10’.
* Perhaps this is a project we can ask some parents to assist with.
* The first step is getting an estimate of costs to purchase and install a shed.

Field Day

* Dawn Hall indicated she wants to bring back field day this year.
* There are some parents that have a lot of the equipment from field day in their garage.
* Further discussion needed with Dawn on who would run this, when it would be, etc.

Event Chairs

* End of Year Party – Angela Yeaton
* Cartridges – Kim Whynacht

PIE VP Nomination

* Nominations for the VP position held by Jen Smith prior to her becoming president were held.
* Cathy Wilkerson nominated Krys Pezza for 2nd VP, Jen 2nd.

PIE Meeting call-in #

* There was a call-in # for the PIE meeting in case there were people that wanted to participate but couldn’t physically get to the school.
* There were 4 people that called in during the course of the meeting.
* It was difficult to hear anyone on the phone speak and the people on the phone could only hear people that were speaking right in front of the computer.
* It seems as though there is interest in trying this again, but we should think of ways to improve the logistics and call quality.

PIE Dinner Meeting

* The idea of having a dinner just before the PIE meeting was discussed…would it be of interest to people. No decision was made on this.

FRCS Open House

* January 24th – open house for FRCS
* Need PIE reps. Cathy, Krys, Angela offered to go. Need to be at school around 5:30 to set up. Time to be confirmed.

Clothes Closet

* Some parents have asked about bringing back the “Clothes Closet,” a way to purchase used FRCS dress code clothing that is donated by other parents who’s kids have outgrown their clothes.
* The big issue is we need to have space to store clothes.

Foxborough Patch

* Jen was approached by a person from the Foxborough Patch about doing a blog. This needs more information before we decide if it is worth doing anything with this.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2012, 7:00PM**