**PIE Meeting**

**Thursday, January 10, 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

Staff: Christine Duffy (Phone)

Jen motioned to approve the minutes; Cathy 2nd.

**UPCOMING PIE EVENTS**

**Harlem Wizards**

* Jen Smith chairing the event to be held at FRCS on January 14: Harlem Wizards vs. FeRoCiouS.
* The game and the winner of the logo contest got front-page coverage in the local Foxboro paper.
* Team T-shirts came in. Look great. Each player will get a reusable bag, water bottle and t-shirt.
* Need people to direct traffic 6-6:45
* Have sold 268 tickets; several people have said they were going to buy at the door.
* Harlem Wizards players will be doing 2 assemblies on bullying at FRCS and at a couple of the local schools
	+ 12:00 FRCS grades 6-12
	+ 1:00 FRCS grades K-5

**Field day**

* Met with Dawn Hall and Dan Deneen. They want to re-implement Field Day again this year.
	+ It will be the last day of school.
	+ K-5 would have activities in the morning.
	+ Dawn is talking to the administration about the upper school finishing exams in the morning. If that occurs they could have field day activities in the afternoon.
	+ The gym and field can be used for activities.
* A field day committee is needed.
	+ Lauren offered to co-chair a committee
	+ Tanya said she would help and maybe co-chair
	+ Karen, Tina, Christine, and Krys will help (Tina and Christine with the middle school)

**Family Night – Lower School**

* Free event to be held Friday, January 25th
* It will be held in the cafeteria. Most of the tables will be pushed back so there is space for people to spread out. Bring your own blanket/food. PIE will provide a movie.
* There will be time to mingle before and after the movie.
* Rowena and Tanya will help with it.

**MISC**

**Boxtops**

* There will be one contest each term. The winners in Lower school, middle school and high school will each get 1 day of no dress code.
* The deadline for bringing in boxtops for the term 2 contest is Friday, Feb 1.

**Room Parent Email**

* If we copy Christine Duffy on the room parent e-mails, she offered to put relevant announcements (those that apply to the kids) on LabKin.

**PIE website**

* The website is updated.
* There is a direct link from the FRCS website to the PIE website.

**World Book Night**

* To be he held April 23, 6PM in media center
* This is a national organization, first celebrated in the US in 2012; The organization provides books to schools to be given away to kids…it is especially targeted at getting those that do little or no reading to read more. .
* The books are geared to middle/high school but there is nothing for the lower school.
* PIE has $1113.05 in scholastic dollars, $564 of which will expire in March
* Jen suggested we use that money to purchase books for kids in the lower school that come to World Book Night. There are multi-pack books for relatively low cost that we could purchase (i.e. 5-6 books for about $15-20,
* Cathy motioned, Lauren 2nd to use the $ that will expire. Up to $750, Cathy 1st, Deb 2nd

**Shed**

* Jim will consider chairing the shed committee
* Jim suggested we might be able to put it out to Foxboro scouts as potential Eagle Scout Project

**Upper School Family Night Discussion**

* There was discussion on the best alternatives to have an upper school family night activity.
	+ Would kids want to do activity with parents?
	+ Should we have 1 night for kids and a separate one for parents. If we did that, a suggestion for parents was doing a casino night. Someone mentioned there are companies that will help put them on.
	+ One suggestion that might appeal to all was Minute to win-it

**Arts and Enrichment**

* The 8th grade has been going on a Mission to Mars field trip for the last few years. The students fill in a job application and do cover letter to get a “job” as a crew member for the mission. While on the field trip, they will play the role of one of the crew members.
* The price went up substantially this year to $35. There are 10 kids that need financial assistance in order to attend; this was confirmed with Dawn and Karen Harris. Some of these parents offered to help out chaperoning or as needed. Christine feels this is a great opportunity for the kids and is asking for $350 to cover the cost of those kids that otherwise wouldn’t be able to attend.
* Cathy motioned, Jen 2nd to pay the $35 for the 10 students.

**Library**

* The library is going to be open in the mornings of days 5 & 6 and the afternoons of days 1, 2, 4, and 6.
* Circulation begins January 28
* There will be an open house for staff, parents, volunteers Feb 12 (time TBD)
* Initially grades 2, 4 and 6 will be coming to the library; they will come once per cycle
* The grades and # of kids coming at this point is based upon available inventory of books
* We will continue to need help adding new books. It takes 15-20 minutes to enter books into the library inventory if they are not already cataloged. You can purchase books that are already cataloged so those books could be entered in less time.
* Mrs. Duffy will look into whether books through Scholastic can be purchased cataloged.

**Fundraising**

* There are basketball tournaments held at FRCS on some weekends. It was suggested that PIE could sell snacks at the tournaments as a fundraiser. We would need to determine what it would take to do this and what the financials would look like.

**PIE Meeting Info**

* Child Care: There was supposed to be childcare but “sitters” backed out. We can try again next month.
* Online meeting: We had the option to attend the meeting online again; there were some audio issues so after a while people dropped off. If we can work out the audio issues, there appears to be an interest in having the meetings on-line.
* Dinner meeting: There was a suggestion of a dinner meeting, perhaps being done in conjunction with a school fundraiser.
* Meeting times: It was suggested we do a survey at the end of the year specific to meeting times. One parent said at another school they have the primary meeting at nights but do a recap next day after school for those who couldn’t attend the night before.

**Election of 2nd Vice President**

* Krys Pezza was nominated for 2nd Vice President at the December PIE Meeting.
* No other nominations were presented at the January meeting.
* A vote was held at the January meeting and Krys was unanimously elected

Jen moved to adjourn the meeting. Cathy 2nd.

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