**PIE Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2013, 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

Cindy Loncar motioned to approve the minutes; Regina Hill 2nd

**RECENT EVENTS**

New family orientation

* Went well. Some of the families that there were not yet on the list for room parents, we were able to get emails for.

Robert Buyeau - Author Visit

* The event went great and the kids loved it.

Family Night – Luau

* Went well. About 35 families. The people there had a great time.

Family Trip to *The Hobbit*

* Sold out available space - 70 people;

Display my Art

* K-4 event
* Magnets and order forms went home

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Holiday Fair

* Will be help during the school day; Kim is coordinating class schedules with the school.
* Will send volunteer list after she gets the schedule.
* It will be a K-8 event this year (in the past it has been K-12. In the upper school, they don’t want kids to miss their academics.
* Parents can come with their kids to shop
* For high school, could we do a holiday school store after school? Other ideas? Do the students want something?

Harlem Wizards

* To be held Jan 17
* There is a Sign-up Genius for volunteers and to be on the team.
* Last year there were parking issues; we are working to resolve; Dr. Logan is speaking to Invensys
* Will be more efficient in the seating of spectators.
* Need to make sure volunteers are coordinated…last year, one of the Student council’s was told they had to volunteer but then when they got here no one from PIE knew about it.

**SCOUTS**

* We are in the process of filing paperwork to charter the Pack.
* We now have bank account set up
* There are 10 boys in the group
	+ A couple of parents to be Den leaders
	+ Two dens meeting right after school…at the school
	+ Two dens meet on a Friday…currently, can’t meet at the school but Jim is talking to Ed Lucy about options. Some of meetings are at St. Mark’s and some in the Town of Foxboro offices. The town is currently charge $25/mtg…previously they didn’t charge anything.
	+ Trying to get older kids to take on some leadership roles.
	+ Have had 2-3 den meetings and a pack meeting.
* One of local Foxboro troops has agreed to let us do the Pinewood Derby with them so we don’t need to buy track and other required items. We will also do some combined campouts in spring.
* There will be a training session for adult leaders and Den chiefs in Foxboro an January 4, 2014

**FUNDRAISING**

Barrett’s Haunted Mansion

* We made $1500 at Barrett’s Haunted Mansion.
* 40 people signed up but only 27 showed up. They were still able to make it work.
* Next year, we should be more clear when explaining to the school community that it is a fundraiser we work at and not something we put on for FRCS (though anyone is welcome to attend).

Cartridges for Kids

* Krys will write up a blurb to send out through room parents explaining what items are taken and what is not.

Campbell Soup Labels for Education

* We will participate in Labels for Education this once since we have many labels but it is not really worth the effort, so this will be the last time.

Box Tops

* We got approximately $1600 in box tops for the term 1 contest.
* Term 2 will use sheets provided by boxtops…people will be required to submit their box tops on the provided sheets; the sheets can be printed out online.

**MISC**

Scholarship baskets

* Some room parents indicated that had not gotten a lot of response. It was suggested to do another outreach to families.
* Ideas from room parents:
	+ One parent used sign-up genius for the baskets…they put a list of what they want and then people signed up for what they wanted to donate.
	+ One suggested they were going to do a series of emails as a countdown: i.e. 5 more days, 3 more days, etc.

General Comments

* Frequency of fundraising requests: Because we are a k-12 school and many requests come to the entire school, it can seem like there are a lot of requests going to families and for some can be financially draining. Recently we have had the Scholarship Auction baskets, the 9th grade student council cookbook and bag for bucks. Soon will be a request for teacher holiday gifts. Can some of this be split up a bit more? Timing of bag for bucks was just before finals, which was also hard.

PIE Survey

* Had about 38 responses.
* Some people still asking about parking, uniforms, drama department…Jen forwards those questions onto the appropriate people at school since they are not things PIE handles.
* Some want family nights on Wednesday or Thursday; however, the school only wants us to do events on nights before non-school day.
* There were questions about after school activities available and possibilities for things like Lego robotics, math club, etc. It was suggested we send this info to Dan Deneen and Jamie Droste.
* Could a list of CSLs be included on the website so parents can be aware of what is available and talk to their kids about it.

Shed Update

* Dawn Rossi’s husband will build shed shelves; then we can move all of supplies into shed.

Student Directory

* Based upon the new requirements for privacy of student and families contact information, we will no longer do a directory.
* Room parents cannot send class emails to the families in the room, even if the parents’ give permission to do so.

Kuerig

* The Kuerig in one of the teacher lounges broke. They asked to have it replaced. Cathy motion to buy one; Deb seconded it. Tina Walnista will purchase it. Cost will be less than $200

Attendance from 11/14/13 meeting

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