**PIE Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

Parents: Karen Elsner; Krys Pezza; Heather Lambrecht; Tina Hicks; Tanya Keating; Jennifer Smith; Maria Killar; Angela Yeaton

Staff: Christine Connors; Amanda Goddard

Jen motioned to approve the minutes; Krys 2nd.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Family Nights

Grade 6-12 Family night

* Is planned for April 5th
* Volunteers are needed; Tanja is taking the lead to come up with some games but can’t chair it. Angela offered to help. Karen can help, at least in the planning. Rowena had previously offered to help
* There are 10 families signed up to date. It is suggested that we send out another invite since it is still over 3 weeks away.
* Future Family nights planned: K-5: May 17, 6-12, 6-12: May 24
* Mr. Yates-Berg is planning to take the lead for these as far as activities and is planning science themed events for both of them.

Book Fair

* In-school shopping planned for April 3 & 4th; book fair will be opened for both evenings. There are events going on both of those days that will have families at the school. Working to get 3rd day but it will not be for shopping; it would be used to finish All-for-Books, wish lists, etc.
* There was a discussion on All-for-books and if we should extend it to the upper school; This is something we would like to consider, however, we will discuss for next year since there were some questions raised that will require some planning. The questions raised were around identifying/confirming who should get a book as part of the program since there will be plenty of kids that may not bring money but could get one if they wanted to (it was suggested we could work with Karen Harris to determine this) and how to select books appropriate for the kids…the kids getting the books would likely have a wide variety of reading levels and interests so it would require input from someone with some knowledge of the kids.

Father-Daughter Dance

* Jen Smith chairing. To be held April 12
* Hollywood theme; invites have been sent; decorations have been purchased.
* Photographer – will have 3 photographers
* Planning to do fake magazine covers as souveniers for the girls. The photographer is OK with this as long as we do it in a separate area from where he is set up.
* Have been planning to do it in the gym. One of the down sides is that there is no food in the gym. Ed Lucy said the cafetorium is the same size as half of the gym, which is what we used last year. We can have food in the caf; if we use the caf, we need to be clear about the where the tables need to go (out of gym) so no one climbs on them.

End of year party

* Have contacted the YMCA with Dates; still waiting to hear back.

Providence Bruins

* An e-mail on the event went out today

Arts and Enrichment

* Ken Nesbit, a poet, is coming on April 10
  + Grade 1-2, Grade 3-4, Grade 5 assembly.
  + Autograph session will occur during lunch on the side
  + Purchase for library 1 set of books – check with Amanda Turcotte to see if poetry books would be good for the library.
  + Need volunteers to separate and distribute books; reach out to Liz Weiners – she has CSL kids that could do volunteer stuff
* It was suggested we contact some of the local schools to see if they have programs coming in that we would be interested and if so, would reduce potential travel related or other costs if we did them consecutively. Angela said she would do this.

Logo Contest

* Angela – spoke to Megan Swanson – she decided to make it an assignment in her art class
* Angela is substitute teaching and will promote it.
* Will show kids the kids the website and brochure to give them perspective on what PIE is.

**MISC**

PIE Website

* Our PIE website is blocked from FRCS…we need to get it unblocked.

By-Laws

* KE to send by-laws to Jen.

Promoting Awareness of PIE

* We discussed different items for promoting awareness of PIE, including logo stickers or bookmarks. It was felt logo stickers would be the better of those 2 options.
* Add link to PIE website at bottom of weekly e-mail. Also ask if we can have a link to PIE Facebook page.
* Getting some of the parents of upper school kids involved.
* To get parents to come to meeting, have a drawing each month for a school logo item

Back to school event

* Tanya volunteered to co-chair but need a co-chair
* Will ask for volunteers before the end of the year to help out.

Self-Esteem Through Art

* Tina Hicks presented on a company her friend started that teaches self-esteem through art, especially targeted at middle school kids.
* She currently does it at the Franklin Charter School (called Artful Affirmations)
* It can be a one time event or as a series,
* Could it be a charter club, achievement team or one of the Summer camp programs

Shed

* Ed has new contractor he may be able to deal with for shed; Jen will be speaking with him.

Fundraising

* Trying to get dates from Ed that Mass premiere does not have concessions in their contract. We can then determine if it is something we want to pursue for the future.

Family Photographs

* Doug Sprague offered to do Family photographs; we would get a % of the sales
* We need to determine if we are interested in pursuing.

Jen motioned to end the meeting; Angela 2nd

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2012, 7:00PM**