

**PIE MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 12, 2015, 7PM**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Karen Elsner, Regina Hill, Moushami Katragadda, Tanya Keating, Trina Kleinberg, Rowena Koran, Kathy Montal, David Reid, Deb Rogers, Christy Solimine; FRCS Staff: Karen Harris

Regina Hill motioned to approve January 8, 2015 minutes, and David Reid 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**RECENT EVENTS**

Mother-Daughter Event

- Co-chairs: Kathy Montal and Cathy DeFanti
- 42 signed up for painting, 23 signed up for make-up and hair
- Received a lot of positive feedback; only negative feedback to consider if we do this again is that for the girls that were waiting to have their hair and make-up done, there was not a lot for them to do. The hair and make-up person was supposed to have 3 assistants and only showed up with 1. Girls that did hair and make-up socialized when they weren't with the hair/make-up specialists.
- Majority of kids that came were in the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade; there were a few high school students.
- Was pretty easy event to lead; everyone had to pre-pay; the hair/makeup artists and the painter were the one's leading the activities for the most part. PIE took care of set-up, refreshments, check-in.
- PIE expenses included food and massage therapist; Parched painter gave 20% back (\$220) covered
- Ideas for future years...jewelry, cooking demonstration

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Father-Daughter Dance

- To be held March 20; K-5 event
- Co-chairs: Tanya Keating and Christy Solimine
- Photography
  - Have photographer...Gemini; we have used them for several years, question raised about getting % of sales; some years in the past we have gotten this; in more recent years we have not. Deb suggested we investigate. Perhaps Heidi Marini can provide insight from her experience running the event. Need to make sure whoever we use has 2-3 photographers to prevent lines being too long.
  - We have a mom, Jodi, who is willing to take candid photos; may be able to use her next year for formal photos
  - For future years, the question of whether we want a formal photographer was raised; it was mentioned that many of the packages are expensive. Many people really like it but others feel like they have to buy
- Waiting on DJ to finalize.
- Christy getting purchased snacks; Linda doing fancy snacks
- Information is going out in Friday folder; the Sign-up genius will go live then
- Have approval to set up at 3:30 in the gym; snacks set-up at 6.

### Father-Son Event

- This has been discussed as a possibility for late winter, before spring sports start
- Several activities have been discussed; school will not allow dodge ball due to liability; since basketball is a big part of school culture, this may be an option; a basketball tournament may not be as attractive for those who do not feel they are good at basketball; perhaps doing something with basketball related activities where skill doesn't come into play as much. Could have other various stations with indoor games such as corn hole, cam jam, etc.
- When choosing an activity, need to think about the age being targeted since that will influence the type of activity.
- More discussion needed; may be something that gets postponed until next year.

### Field day

- Discussion about doing it before the last day of school; need to coordinate with school.
- Sara Spence wants to help with the activities for the high school students; it was suggested we get input from class councils on what they would be interested. Some high school students say they don't want structured activity.
- T-shirts: It was suggested we have a logo competition for field day tee shirts; we would define guidelines and then solicit ideas; will vote on designs at PIE meeting

## **GENERAL BUSINESS/MISC TOPICS**

### Kindergarten Music

- Mrs. Tuminelli – will be coming 2 more times

### Regional Spanish Spelling Bee

- To be held at FRCS on April 11, 2015
- The school has asked PIE for help with the following:
  - Running the refreshment table
  - Being hostess and directing people
  - Our students are involved

### Dress code clothing swap

- Have closet full of clothes; some are swap; some are purchased
- Karen is offering to have PIE do this. Make about \$300 each time.
- Good time of year to do is: before school starts and February, before people looking for spring clothes
- Need to ensure clothes are dress code compliant before putting them in the swap: logos, not dirty, etc.
- Could do during kindergarten screening (this would be for K-1 only)

### Karen Harris

- Family Engagement
  - She is in charge of Family Engagement; she sees family engagement as a two-way street between parents and teachers so wants to promote this to both staff and parents.
  - In an effort to promote teachers engaging with families, she is interested in implementing family engagement awards (families could nominate teachers). She sees this as more specific than the Golden Falcon awards.
  - It could be something that could be awarded at any time during the year and they could be announced at staff meetings as they were submitted. Recognition could be a certificate that they could display by their desk.
  - She is wondering if PIE would be interested in supporting something like this.
  - A program such as this would have to be agreed on by the administration.

- Career Fair
  - Held for 10<sup>th</sup> grade (March 31, 8-12) and 6<sup>th</sup> grade (April 14, 12:30-2:30)
  - 10<sup>th</sup> grade – they do mock group interview; some of the kids “land the job”; 6<sup>th</sup> grade has several people come and talk about their careers, what they do, how they got there.
  - They are always looking for parent volunteers to participate. Contact Karen Harris for more information ([kharris@foxboroughrcs.org](mailto:kharris@foxboroughrcs.org))

#### Teaching garden

- Next meeting Feb 24<sup>th</sup>; Ms. Mutri is still looking for volunteers

#### Staff meeting snacks

- Used sign-up genius to solicit volunteers from certain grades to bring specific items.
- Went well; had plenty of volunteers
- Will do the same thing for the next meeting, selecting different grades

#### Budget

- Not much change from last year
- \$3,000 was allocated to busses for field trips based upon the discussion and vote at the January meeting.

#### Teacher requests

- General
  - Kathy is getting a lot of staff coming up to her with requests for PIE; it seems that not all staff are aware of new request process (requests are to go through Karen Calvert)
  - It was suggested we ask Ron to remind staff of the new process and form to be used to make funding requests from PIE.
- Linda Morse staff request
  - Linda would like to have visiting artist come to the school. Audience is 9<sup>th</sup> and 2nd grade students; topic is around Martin Luther King, cultural pride/cultural shame, etc.
  - Karen Elsner motioned to approve \$600 for 2 grades (2 hours), David Reid 2<sup>nd</sup>; if additional grades were added, we could increase the amount to \$750 for 3 hours, \$900 for 4 hours or \$1000 for a full day.

#### Cub Scout pack 314

- Annual Pinewood Derby was held on February 7, 2015.
- Excellent participation and a lot of fun; in addition to the scouts racing, they had a sibling and parent race.

#### Box Tops

- We need someone to move ahead with Box Tops
- Many PIE meeting attendees were willing to clip them during PIE mtgs or take some home to clip them.
- The next submission is due in xx 2015. We could run a contest but hold the Box Tops to the next submission date if they were not ready.

## TeachHaiti

- Amanda Turcotte (English IL) is spearheading this activity
- TeachHaiti's goal is to provide education to the impoverished children of Haiti. One of the ways they do this is by providing educational scholarships to some of Haiti's neediest children who would not otherwise be able to attend.
- Program...looking for funding through go fund me account
- Amanda is coordinating a trip for some FRCS teachers to go to Haiti over April vacation to assist in staff development of some of the TeachHaiti organization. This program may engage students in the future but for now it is just teachers.
- One of the fundraising efforts TeachHaiti uses is selling bracelets made from all recycled materials. The cost of the bracelets is \$8. Some of the student councils are involved in selling them. She is trying to come up with events at which they could sell them. Other than at school activities, one idea that was mentioned was the Foxboro Jaycees spring fair on May 16, held 9-3 on Foxboro common; there are general crafters; have to pay for a table space; perhaps they would waive fee since this is for a nonprofit. David Reid has some connections there and can serve as a resource. It was suggested a member of the student council should be the ones to make the calls.
- One of the parents wanted to know how much TeachHaiti gets from the sale of each bracelet.

**Next meeting is Thursday, March 11 at 7PM.  
Ron Griffin is coming to the March PIE meeting**