



PTA Meeting  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014

**In attendance:** Holly Jankowski, Annie Karp, Amy Hoffacker, Anita Young, Michele Tregoning, Lee Derby, Spencer Delisle, Karina Hirschhorn, Denise Wilson, Lauren Birrer, Lori Marshall, Jen Coakley, Michelle Senk, Ravi Shankar Koduri, Chetana Kanati

Holly Jankowski welcomed everyone. Everyone introduced themselves.

**President's Report:** Holly mentioned for everyone to check out the information on the PTA website. It is updated often and will let you know what is going on.

**Treasurer's Report:** Anita shared the profit and loss for October.

**Correspondence-** Holly shared a letter from Kara Phillips regarding having a Halloween parade here at school and the memories it left a child who had passed away from cancer.

**Staff Liaison Report:**

- Mrs. Hirschhorn thanked the volunteers who helped with field day. Thank you also to the parent chaperones for attending all the field trips that have taken place so far.
- Reminder: any event that is going on, get flyer to Karina so she can upload it to the School Web page & share on morning news.
- Looking for volunteers on the night of the science expo to donate an hour of your time that evening asking questions to the students participating. Event will be held on January 15. There is a [signup genius](#) on website if you are interested in helping out with that.
- April 17th earth day celebration will be held during school. Coincides with the book fair so we may want to consider changing date of book fair back to coincide with the family picnic.

**Principal's Report:**

- Mr. Derby shared that we are already at the end of the first marking period. Conferences have already started. Monday & Tuesday are half days to allow for the parent-teacher conferences. There are documents on website to get parents prepared.
- Front Hallway Veteran's Day Bulletin board is in progress thanks to Mrs.

- Christy to honor all community members who serve or have served.
- A new teacher started on Monday for a 5th grade math class and the compacted math class. Her name is Janice Thomas.
  - There is a canned and boxed food drive going on through November 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Thank you again to the PTA for the chrome books. They are constantly in use. Mrs. Birrer and Mrs. Troup are the pioneers that will help the other grade 3 and grade 5 teachers when they get theirs in the next few weeks. Then those two chromebook carts will migrate to the fourth grade team.
  - Dr. Starr has the state of the schools address on the 11th at Strathmore Hall.
  - CIP testimony is next Wednesday evening. Cedar Grove is requesting a divider in the gym as well a new gym floor. Our cluster is also testifying to keep the new middle school on track to open in August 2016.
  - A former student has a family member who has pancreatic cancer so she is going to be selling purple lollipops at conference time and at Bingo.
  - Halloween party discussion- gave background from last year when it was discussed at a PTA meeting and it was decided to have the harvest party due to space issue. This year the administration decided we will keep the harvest party tradition. Discussed pros and cons of not having a parade.
  - Issue will be revisited before next October.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Harvest Festival: too hard to have at Rocky Hill- transporting the games and materials took many trips.
- SSL: thank you to Annie for setting up the SSL helpers that we will have at every PTA meeting to be caregivers for the children of parents who want to attend the PTA meetings.
- Directory: The form that is required by the county is very confusing, so Amy would like to create a new, additional form for withholding information. The county form is very confusing and has created a lot of extra work and has delayed getting the directory out. Amy Hoffacker is willing to create and distribute a separate form for next year to make it easier. You can still get ad space before it gets printed. Forms for advertisements are available on the PTA website.
- Membership: We currently have more members than last year. Still accepting memberships.
- Fall Fundraiser: November 19th is pick-up day from 3:30-6:30 in the APR.
- Spirit Night: \$54 was raised from Panda Express. Our next spirit day is every day next week from 10am-9pm each day. The week of November 17-21 at Jersey Mikes.

#### **New Business/Upcoming Events:**

- Bingo: coming up on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Rocky Hill.
- Holiday Student Shop: will be held December 2-5 during recess time.

Need an army of volunteers to help the kids. It will be a time for kids to make small crafts/trinkets for their family members to give for the holidays. The Holiday Shop will be on the stage for the few days.

- We did not make the projected amount from the Joe Corbi fundraiser, so we will be having a honey baked ham fundraiser that will begin in December. Delivery may be on December 19<sup>th</sup> in time for the holidays.
- We will revisit where we hold events. While it is nice to have ample space and parking at Rocky Hill, some people don't like traveling to a different location.

Holly adjourned the meeting at 8:19.