

# Findley PTO Meeting Minutes

## November 17, 2011

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### 1. Call to Order

- Ellen Bradley: Co-President
- Angie Kelly: Co-President

Also in attendance:

- Corinne Frechette: Vice President
- Teri Doherty: Secretary

### 2. Minutes Approval

- June 2011 Minutes: Approval pending receipt of minutes
- October 2011 Minutes: Approved

### 3. Board Member Reports

- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Party Planning
  - Meeting Friday, 9am, Tazza Café for Train-the-Trainer
  - Guidelines for 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Teachers w/ budget & costs developed & reviewed w/ Mrs. Skidmore
  - Jobs defined: slide show, food, banner, decorations, teacher gift, school gift
  - Outdoor School should be the big part of the celebration
  - Meetings for 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Parents also planned to give parents an overview and provide clear expectations
    - Review what has worked well in the past
  - Use Google Apps for sign-ups
  - Approx. budget of \$3500
  - Fundraisers:
    - Movie nights, Sock Hop (run by PTO in the past), Valentines
    - Excess funds from last year passed forward to this year for scholarships

Please use consistent phrasing for 5<sup>th</sup> gr. fund raisers so it is clear it is not school fundraising (.i.e. Jog-A-Thon)
- Certificates of Appreciation given to the following people:
  - Melissa Brinser – Dragon Dash
  - Tracy Christian – Dragon Dash
  - Larissa Jaekel – Dragon Dash
  - Jim Chu – Carnival
  - Stephanie Gilbert – Vision Screening
  - Barbara Kwapich – Picture Day

- New Member at Large - Voted in New Member at Large, Jason Caffery

#### 4. Findley Staff Reports

- Teacher Representative – Michelle Lockhart:
  - November Food Drive was a huge success
  - Food Drive Dollar Day is tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 18
  - Sunday, Nov. 20, is community involvement service project - school clean-up
    - Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts participate, but all are welcome
    - Participants to bring tools, wheel barrows, gas leaf blowers, gloves
    - Drop box coming for yard debris
    - Gravel for garden by back gate
    - Bark chips for around portables to keep from getting so muddy
    - Snowball tree covering patio stones to be trimmed
- Budget – Kathleen Skidmore:
  - Levy did not pass, so ~ \$24M to \$27M deficit for 2012-13 school year
  - \$113M in budget has been lost over past 4 years, so now cuts will need to include elimination of jobs/people
    - People positions cut evenly – Classified, Certified & Administrative
  - During Jan. – March of 2012, there will be opportunities for parent input at listening sessions
  - Furlough days save ~\$1M per day
  - 162 days of school for kids (172 days - 10 days for conferences, work days, etc.)
  - State of OR is giving waivers for # of days in seats
  - Findley has 829 students this year
  - Custodians cut from 210 days to 185 days this year (mostly night custodian time)
  - We have 1 day custodian, Zach Kodroli, & 1 night custodian, Ken Hui. Night custodian on site every other day (time shared w/ Bonny Slope)
  - People cannot make donations to pay for personnel per district contract
  - If there is a Spring Bond, would need a double majority
    - 50% would need to vote, and then would need 50% of votes

#### 5. Committee Reports

- CIC (Community Involvement Committee) replaced LSC
  - 3 members staying on board this year from LSC last year
  - Manage building use requests
    - Many requests received this year & they are all full except for a few open spots in the Spring
- Box Tops – Angie Kelley to count box tops

## 6. New Business

- Tools for Day Custodian, Zach Kodroli:
  - \$300 VISA gift card request approved to use for purchase of tools
  - Jason Caffery will meet w/ Zach to see if any items on list can come from donations
  - Ellen Bradley has etcher to put “Findley PTO” on tools
- School Supplies
  - EPI is supplier for prepackaged school suppliers
  - \$1500 one year; \$1400 one year
  - 3% price match
  - Questions: (1) Is the quality acceptable? (2) Do teachers want to upgrade to name brand items?