

Findley PTO Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2012

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1. Call to Order

- Ellen Bradley, Co-President
- Angie Kelly, Co-President

Also in attendance:

- Corinne Frechette, Vice President
- Laura Rich, Treasurer
- Teri Doherty, Secretary
- Jason Caffery, Member at Large

2. Minutes Approval

- May 2012 - Approved

3. Board Member Reports

- Laura Rich, Treasurer:
 - June Budget Report:
 - Most teachers have submitted their receipts for reimbursement. Only a couple of teachers have not. Mrs. Lockhart to remind them.
 - Mr. Onishi used his funds
 - Paid for library books Mrs. Sloan ordered
 - Last 2 matching funds from Intel came in, so exceeded budget by ~ \$500
 - See New Business for budget approval for 2012-13.

4. Findley Staff Reports

- Michelle Lockhart:
 - Thank You notes for PTO from Findley teachers and staff for PTO purchases, such as computers, books, teacher requests, etc., as well as staff appreciation, food, and overall general support when requests of PTO are made. The notes were passed on to PTO for all to read.
- Kathleen Skidmore
 - BSD Budget was approved in May as presented.
 - Pat Tierney, Art, Terry Young, Technology, and Molly Sloan, Librarian, are all certified, so they will need to move to a classroom. Classified staff will fill those positions.
 - In addition, 3-5 certified staff will be lost at Findley. Two teachers are retiring – Mrs. Schutz and Mrs. Brandon. Net, overstaffed by approximately 4.

- Mrs. Skidmore will find out teacher assignments in late July or early August. Staff won't know their location until August.
- An Aid will also be added for PE, Library, and Technology.
- Working on plan for extra volunteer sign-ups at Packet Pick-up for specific areas where extra help will be needed, i.e. listen to kids read, etc. These will not be classroom specific volunteers, but support the whole school. Training to be provided in Sept. so volunteers can start in Oct. Volunteers would be an enhancement to school, but school would have to be able to get by if volunteers could not always be there.

5. Committee Reports

- Volunteers: Donna Moreno will not be at Findley next year. Thanks for all of your work Donna!
 - Ramya will take over Volunteer Coordinator. Need 2 more people to help with this.
 - Faiza will do Help Counter. Need 1 more person to help with this.
 - Waiting to hear from a few Committee Heads regarding if they will be staying on for next year. Many will be staying on.
- 5th Grade Celebration: Michelle Schleh
 - Set for next Tuesday. Lunch, pizza, sundaes outside, then move to café which will be decorated with an outdoor school theme....”In It Together”. They will sit with their class, do banner and school gift, Mrs. Skidmore will speak, have photo presentation, slide show, sign outdoor school songs, and have a special send-off surprise.
 - New things worked well this year....organizational structure, movie night, Google Docs for volunteer sign-ups.
- Carnival: Jason Caffery
 - Date set: Sept. 21
 - 15 Dads met and came up with tons of new ideas, next mtg in June
 - Ideas being considered: safety officer, having a police car, same food vendors, add latte cart, an Olympic theme, kids race, review ticket prices, esp. for families and free tickets, streamline prize pick-up, maybe get an e-reader for credit card payments (i phone plugin), freshen up games, mascot race.
 - Need volunteers from every class. Kindy parents will be at school Aug. 30th. Also use help counter to schedule volunteers.
 - Not an official fundraiser, but it does raise funds, which is fine. Last year raised approx. \$5,000.
- Dragon Dash: All
 - Look at prize for class with most participation, not money donation, i.e. popcorn party

- Over last two years, participation was between 70%-74%
- Need to explain what Dragon Dash is: (1) Jog-A-Thon and (2) write a check fund raiser

6. New Business

- Help Counter (Volunteer Coordination):
 - Look at cleaning it out and rebuilding it so it is more efficient and people who have left Findley do not get notices
 - Need 2-3 people to support
 - Some schools use a scanner, approx... \$100
- Packet-Pick-up:
 - Maybe do a “Findley Lingo”
 - Discussed how to move people through the process so they hit all tables and sign-ups
- 2012-13 Budget Presentation for Approval: Laura Rich
 - Outgoing board and new board worked together on budget proposal
 - Items added:
 - Biz Town, BSD Special Olympics, Non-fiction writing kits (one per teacher), Custodial support for tools/supplies purchases, Educational program support (to support teacher training and conferences), Speaker fees (to bring speakers to PTO meetings and increase parental attendance).
 - Forecasting 820 students, \$63 contribution per student, \$6,000 matching funds, raising \$45,660 from Dragon Dash
 - Budget approved
- New Board elected:
 - Co-Presidents: Angie Mitlehner & Leslie Hmura
 - VP: Amber Ferschweiler
 - Treasurer: Laura Taylor
 - Secretary: Martha Beaves
 - Member at Large: Jason Caffery (continuing for 2nd year)