

Turnagain PTA General Membership Meeting

October 5, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Turnagain Library

Minutes

Call to Order and Welcome: Time: 6:20 PM by Amanda Mack

Changes to Agenda

PTA President, Amanda Mack adds the following to:

New Business: Spelling Bee, Book Fair

Calendar of events: Volunteer Opportunities

Approval of September Minutes

Mrs. Cote motions to pass the minutes, Elsit seconds the motion.

Treasurer's Report Budget revisited – Rebecca Van Wyck, Treasurer

Current Financial: As of 10/5/2017 the PTA account has a balance of \$15,961.8
The PTA Board and PTA members discuss changes to several items in the budget such as taking money allocated for Ice Cream Social and moving it to Back to School. These adjustments are made to allow the financial support of other activities when allocated money is not currently being used.

Membership Update: Rebecca informs the PTA board and PTA members that we have 88 paid memberships.

Principal's Corner, Carissa Cote, Principal

-Mrs. Cote reiterates the upcoming dates for the Fall Parent-Teacher conferences October 25th and October 26th. Each conference is scheduled for 20 minutes and the purpose of it is to discuss each student attendance and their initial academic assessment at the beginning of the school year. Parent-Teacher conference days are half days to allow teachers to meet with parents. Friday October 27th children do not have school, teachers have training.

-Mrs. Cote states that the school will be sending information to parents in regards the upcoming ALICE training for the children and staff. Mrs. Cote explains that the training is to instill in students and staff that their response to a serious attack should be a common sense approach. It is about staying in place or running, looking to do what is in the best interest of the children. The school has a system of communication that includes radios and phones for teachers and staff to be able to talk with each other during an emergency.

-Mrs. Cote informs that two bathrooms will be remodeled between January and March in the wing were the old entrance to the school used to be.

Old Business/Committee Reports

-Steam Night

Mrs. Laura Eastham gives an overview of the event and of the many people that are volunteering in each of the activity stations as well as to help with set up. She provides some examples of activities that will be offered and explains the site plan. Please refer to Steam Night report.

-Ice Rink Committee

There is a need to find a committee chair. Mrs. Cote states that while the rink needs to be fixed the asphalt is Ok. The major expense will be the boards around the space where the ice will be as it's a composite material. Karen Quintieri offers to Chair the committee. She adds that the allocated expenses most likely will be higher.

-Fall fundraiser, Mrs. Cote reiterates that the last day for orders is October 13th. PTA is encouraging parents and students to sell at least 10 items. On October 15 there will be a reconciliation of orders. Prices given to students will happen at the end of the day. Karen states that perhaps we need to think of a different fundraiser for next year, something that will get the children excited about it. Rebecca states that she has been unable to meet with other people to brainstorm about this mainly due to everybody's schedule.

After School Activities – Karen reports that she met with Ann Baker and she stated that she is willing to have 2 skating sessions at the same time for 6 weeks before the Holiday break; one for 1st - 3rd grade and the other for 4th - 6th grade. The Kindergarten students are too young to be included with 1st – 3rd graders.

New Business/Activities/Events

1. **School Dance.** The dance will take place on November 17th from 6 to 8 pm. There will be food and drinks to buy, a photo booth, and perhaps the theme will be Dress to Impress. Caitlin Jaksic states that the DJ will cost \$250.
2. **Spelling Bee.** Two teachers have volunteered to do this activity, Mrs. Eastham and Mr. Pustina. The registration/ enrollment fee will be \$125 and 2 children get to represent the school. Other expenses include T-shirts and awards in the amount of \$75. The school will pay Mr. Pustina. This is an activity for students between 3rd and 6th grades.
3. Book Fair - ?
4. Volunteer Opportunities – We, as a Board, need to figure out how to attract more volunteers to help not only with extracurricular activities but with classroom needs. Jenny Kimball suggests a Volunteer Orientation. This discussion is to be continued.

Calendar of Events

October 13th 2017 – STEAM night, time capsule will be sealed

November 17th 2017 – Dance

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No questions

Close Meeting: Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm

Next meeting: November 2nd, 2017 at 6 p.m.