

## **FOX MEADOW PTO**

### **OCTOBER 2017 minutes**

**Date: Thursday October 12, 2017**

**Location: Fox Meadow Elementary**

**Board: Present at meeting Co-presidents(April Wende & Lindsey Ballschmiede) Co-VP( Dawn Yoder)  
Treasurer(Dawn Andrew) Secretary(Stacy Hayes)**

**Attendees: Hollie Holmes, Kristin Franco, Kelly Skowronski, Kathleen Speck(3<sup>rd</sup> gr. Teacher), Bonnie Grafer(art teacher), Korin Stocker, Kathy Johnson(K teacher), Jennifer Stotlar(1<sup>st</sup> gr. teacher), Sjoukje Brown(Principal), Mike Basich(Vice Principal), Amy Morhardt, James Salvato. (There were more attendee's that did not sign in)**

**Call to order@7:01 by President (Lindsey Ballschmiede)**

**\*Principal's report ( Ms. Brown)**

**-Finished up Cogat testing with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and in the spring will be introducing Cogat testing for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.**

**-Discussed article that was distributed from Ms. Brown regarding maximizing instead of minimizing. This article explains how we can react to students that are acting out with trauma informed practices. This begins with awareness, and understanding the impact of trauma so we can help them to be the best they can be. Attachment of this article will be in this week's Friday foxcast.**

**-Fox Meadow is still looking for a parent representative to serve on u-46's CAC. Ms. Brown gave a brief description of the CAC(Citizens advisory council) which works in areas such as curriculum, special education, finance, legislative issues, facilities, communication and family engagement. If anyone is interested in representing Fox Meadow please shoot Ms. Brown an email and she can give more details and answer any questions.**

**-Ms. Brown asked Mrs. Speck to speak on BOB (Battle of the Books) Mrs. Speck informed us everyone is getting excited for the first meet. She will get back to the PTO regarding a few shirts sizes that still need to be purchased.**

**-Ms. Brown also asked Mrs. Stotlar to speak regarding PBIS. Mrs. Stotlar informed us that the new school mascot made his first appearance and students voted on the mascot name. "PAWS" A student also suggested the patrols should be called "paw-trols".**

**\*President's report (Lindsey & April)**

**-Shared news that we won two Leapfrog tablets that we will be using for a raffle or prize in the near future. We also won a book called " Mr. Lemoncello".**

**-April is working on a date for the Chicago Steel fundraiser and outing, most likely it will be a January date.**

**\*Treasurer report (Dawn Andrew)**

-Budget doing well, taxes should be done the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>. Will be adding some disclaimers on upcoming flyers per suggestion from the accountant.

**\*Committee report**

-Spirit wear (April reporting for Cecilia) we sold 214 items and 19 bags. We purchased more bags to be used for prizes for pie sales and to be sold at other events. We had a few families that have not paid or short on their payment. Cecilia is following up with that. Several have ask about another order so we are planning another in coming months.

-Box Tops (Stacy) the first collection from Aug./Sept. was a total 5,183 box tops! Huge thank you to my helpers. The first class winner of an ice cream party is Ms. Nix class with 506 BT, in second place is Mrs. Thompson's class with 498 and next in third place is Mrs. El-Helo/Mrs. Williamson's with 386 box tops! Next pick up is October 23<sup>rd</sup>!

-Yearbook (Lindsey reporting for Linda) Still can receive the 10% discount up to October 31.

-Fall Fundraiser (Dawn Yoder) Money is due for the dessert days fall fundraiser by Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>. Delivery of pies will be November 8<sup>th</sup>.

-Halloween hop (Lindsey on behalf of board) DJ, dancing, new games, selling sand art, glow bar items and concessions, cakewalk, costume contest. Pre pay entrance. We are still in need of volunteers. Ryan and Lance are busy planning.

-Barnes & Noble (Stacy) November 11 at Barnes & Noble tons of fun things planned Star Wars characters (9:30-1:30) Captain Nutrition character. 2 star wars baskets to raffle. Teachers reading and there to help with student book choices. Fox Meadow band & Orchestra 1:00-1:45.

-Old Business-None

\_New Business (Lindsey) Ms. Osborne, social worker is requesting 3 Second Step classroom kits for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. \$389 each-total \$1,176. We have one that is currently sharing. Ms. Brown gave an explanation of how it's being used and teachers in attendance agreed it's a wonderful tool to use in classrooms for teaching how to work with a positive reinforcement for behaviors.\*\* voted on and passed with a vote of 17 in favor of purchasing.

**ADJOURNMENT @ 7:55**

