

Ed Smith PTO - Business Meeting - February 7th 2013

Chairs: Carrie Schofield-Broadbent & Bridget McManus

Recorder: Jasmine Pryor

Attendees: Jasmine Pryor, Julie Forget, Betsey Baryardi, Jill Maynard, Sam Barber, Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Bridget McManus, Heidi Hart-Gorman, Jed Kissane, Kathy Goodman, Diane McKenney, Mar Stanton, Kay Scott, Gwen Riley-Zuckerbraun, Anna Endreny, Francesca Clemente

Business Meeting

Agenda Items	Initiatives, Funding Requests, Fundraising & Budget
Call to Order	Carrie Schofield-Broadbent
Initiatives Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Middle School Task Force - Francesca Clemente reported a need for donations for February 28th Skating Party. March meeting will focus on supporting education and promoting study skills. ● Howler Newsletter - Feb 14th deadline for submissions for Winter edition. ● Superintendents' Council - Meeting was postponed due to snow day. Jennifer Kelley was attending the council as it was meeting at the same time as this PTO meeting. ● School Leadership Team - Jill Maynard reported the continued efforts to gather evidence to support the proposals made by SLT last year. Teachers will be adding evidence as needed and will be putting information on the Ed Smith Website. ● Grade Reps - No report ● Inclusion Committee - Meeting postponed because of snow day. ● PBIS - Francesca Clemente reported a successful award ceremony. Working with the School Librarian to find a movie for the next coyote catch reward event. ● Ed Smith Gear - Carrie Schofield-Broadbent reported the possible search for a new clothing vendor. New Spring line will be created soon including a student fashion show of new items for purchase and for behavior incentives ● Science Fair - Bridget McManus reported the successful attendance rate at the Science Fair after school program. Fair will be March 14th. Grades 4-6 will be creating 40 different projects for the event. ● Parking Duty - Jasmine Pryor reported \$1200 raised between the two parking events. ● Carnival - Jasmine Pryor reported no update at this time. Carnival date is set for Friday, June 6 from 5-7pm ● Silver Knights Game - Carrie Schofield-Broadbent reported 140 Ed Smith attendees at the game. Notables put on a great performance. Looking for an additional night for Ed Smith. Possibly during playoffs or finals. ● Nurtured Heart - No report ● Zyra Comer Donation - donation has been postponed to find most

	<p>suitable recipient. Reaching out to the Gospel choir at Nottingham High School as possible recipient.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grief/Violence Support - No Report ● Hospitality Committee - Jill Maynard reported the need for volunteers to help her on day of the event and for preparation. Betsey Bayardi volunteered to refer to Jill Maynard to assist as needed for next hospitality event.
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inclusion - Principal Barber met with Dr. Kristy Ashby. They will be working with the Inclusion Committee to create a Service Delivery Model to ensure that students in self-contained classrooms have more time working alongside their peers. ● Girls Locker Room - Student council has requested the use of the Girls Locker Room. Principal Barber has reached out to the staff to check the room for their items. PTO will clean the room after teachers have a chance to claim their items. ● Mini Academies going to be announced soon. Program is growing. PTO requested more publicizing to give parents more opportunities to be reminded of the program/ ● March will begin preparation for State testing. Staff development provided teachers with a manual to help them navigate the Common Core expectations. Access to the manual is provided to parents via the Engage NY website. Principal emphasized the need for discussion of questions and the process of testing and content rather than drill and kill. Parents are encouraged to talk with children about the stress of the test at home. ● PTO asked Principal Barber to encourage teachers to not express their own levels of stress and frustration on the students. ● New dismissal protocol for next year may be introduced. Sending walkers and bussers out of separate doors. ● Principal and other support staff have begun rounds at the school to focus on improving instruction in the classroom and providing teachers with the opportunity to become more comfortable with new teaching strategies.
Funding Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reading A-Z - Motion presented by Carrie Schofield-Broadbent to purchase 3 licences at \$99.95 per licence for all elementary classes. Seconded by Jed Kissane and approved unanimously. ● Kahlin Hopkins - Motion to approve donation to family by Carrie Schofield-Broadbent. Jasmine Pryor suggested a \$200 amount. Seconded by Jill Maynard and approved unanimously. ● 2013-14 Table Installment - Motion presented by Kay Scott for the purchase of 4 Rubbermaid Tables for School collection. Seconded by Francesc Clemente and approved unanimously.
Fundraising Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our Daily Eats - extended the deadline for returning form. Expecting a good response. Product will be distributed directly to parents. All peanut free zones will be respected during the distribution. ● Moe's - No Report

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Discussion Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PTO Storage leftovers in old locker room needs to be cleaned out to allow for student athlete use of space. Teachers have until end of February to clean out their items. Betsey Baryardi has agreed to clean out the remains during April break. ● Drumming Workshop for Mrs. Stuetzle needs a driver for the drummer and his drums. Kay Scott has volunteered to drive drummer. ● Garden Project - Mar Stanton reported the successful acceptance of her \$900 Garden project from TNT. With the money a sustainable garden will be created with Native Plants on the hillside of the playground. A committee will be created ASAP. Money must be used by June 30, 2013. PTO proposed an Earth Day celebration and gardening party.
Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cookie Dough Fundraiser ● Science Fair March 14th ● Nurtured Heart Event April 14th ● Ed Smith Carnival June 6th
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carrie Schofield-Broadbent adjourned the meeting. Next Meeting will be held Thursday March 6 @ 7pm.