

PFO Meeting Minutes—Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Submitted by Amy Kimble and Amy Goohs-Hardman

President's Report—Amy Goohs-Hardman:

Minutes from January's meeting were approved by Diana Tracey and seconded by Marcia Asari.

Amy purchased gift cards for the Princeton Education Foundation Gala totaling 150.00. The gift cards were from all the local restaurants that have supported our school so far this school year.

There was an error in Dr. Jackson's January report. She has submitted an updated report this evening and *Seussical* will take place in the Fall of 2017

The kindergarten information meeting will take place tomorrow, 2/23/17. Erica Figgins will represent PFO, passing out flyers and decals.

Volunteers are needed for picture day on Monday, 2/27/17

The Scholarship Committee (parents and staff) reviewed the two applicants' essays. Sarah Marshall was chosen to receive the 2017 scholarship from the PFO. She has been contacted to begin her service project.

Teachers' Report—Jenny Powers:

Thanked the PFO for the conference night dinners

Pennies for Patients wraps up next week. 2/23/17 is "Crazy Hair Day." The donation/coin box deadline will be next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Principal's Report—Mrs. Jordan:

Kindergarten teachers will be present at the meeting tomorrow, 2/23/17.

Discussed if programs/events should be on a two year rotation/cycle, so the students aren't doing the same things each year. Mad Cap Puppets was a new idea. Do we want to do COSI again or try Mad Puppet? Due to expense, we cannot do both. We will continue to apply for the grant to do the Aronoff field trips through the Cincinnati Arts Association. A parent asked about the Dome Theater. The teachers will look at bringing that program back.

Donuts with Dads will take place in March, date has not been finalized with Building Leadership Team. This will be a 30 minute experience with children and their dads/adult male figures.

There will be a moms' event closer to Mother's Day, probably in May.

Testing begins on March 28th with third grade.

Mrs. Jordan then spoke of why she took only the girls to the film *Hidden Figures*, to clarify her decision. She did not want to imply that the movie was not appropriate for boys; she used it as a bonding experience with the girls. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls attended the movie. This centered around seizing the opportunity, content, material, and appropriateness, in addition to dollars and cents. With recent "girl drama," this was a bonding activity to learn how to work together, build teamwork, and spur great conversation.

This led to a discussion around the movie, and what experience the boys had on that day. One parent mentioned that her 9-year-old son saw *Hidden Figures* with her, loved it, and they had an interesting conversation. Was it valuable what the boys did? Mrs. Federle explained that the 4th and 5th grade boys watched *We Are Marshall*. This movie led to many comments and questions and the boys could talk freely without the girls. 3rd grade watched *The Sandlot*. Mrs. Louderback added that she looked at this experience as a good thing and it doesn't have to be all inclusive.

Mrs. Jordan ended this discussion by saying this was a valuable experience and she would do it again. It has been a packed school year, filled with experiences, and no one was slighted (that was not the intent).

Box Tops for Education contest going on until Friday, 2/24/17. The class that collects the most Box Tops wins a pizza party.

Parent Questions:

What is the duct tape event? 4th grade has started this project and 3rd and 5th graders will begin next week. It is a character education activity about being kind and not being a bully (getting along together). There will be a banner where students will sign their name on a piece of duct tape. The banner will hang in the school as a reminder of the kindness pledge and a good, wholesome community.

A parent had a question regarding the Viking Store. Has there been any movement forward with offering the older students experiences/incentives instead of merchandise? Mrs. Jordan said this hasn't come to fruition. They need to figure out the right fit to appeal to all. Amy Goohs-Hardman suggested small gift cards to Mrs. Culter and Mrs. McGuire. She also mentioned that there will be a need for volunteers for the Viking Store for next school year.

Diana Tracey inquired about the donation check we received from Joan England in memory of Pat Bowes. They did not pull a holiday breakfast together. The plan is to host a Veterans' breakfast in November and have a bench placed at Patriot Pointe donated in his name. There was also money allocated for a bookcase (which needs a better location) and books.

A final parent question was whether puberty is discussed in the schools and if the boys and girls were separated? Since there is no health class at the elementary level, Mrs. Jordan was not sure and said she would look at the district policy and also discuss with the school nurse, Mrs. Burton.

Chairperson's Reports:

Angie Carrigan:

Fun Festival is fast approaching on Friday, 3/31/17 from 6-8 p.m. We are still in need of parent volunteers to help set up, work the games, and clean up. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room. A flyer will be sent home. There will be light concessions and students will earn Viking Bucks if their family members volunteer.

Our next restaurant fundraiser will be at McAllister's Deli, possibly in March.

Toni Vodnik:

We are trying to have fewer baskets this year, scaling back to 3-5 for bidding, 3-5 for raffles, and the rest as "experiences." They will be shared in the display case. It will take place the same night as Fun Festival. A form and letter are available for donations.

Amy Goohs-Hardman asked that if you are planning on stepping down from a position to let the PFO officers know. Mr. Moore, PCMS Principal, will be at our next meeting on 3/29/17.

Meeting was adjourned.

Treasurers' Report submitted by Diana Tracey and Marcia Asari

We have already exceeded our fundraising goal for the year. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and support!

The bank balance has been consistently higher than \$10,000, so we are in a great position to make a large purchase for the school, if needed.

1/25/17	\$62.59	Kasi Jordan	Pizza Reward Party for Otis Spunkmeyer
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1/25/17	\$458.89	Tricia Roddy	Sharing Ville
2/9/17	\$82.17	Anna Ehlerding	Conference Dinners

Corresponding Secretary Report submitted by Chris Fishel

Correspondence since last report:

- Thank you postcards completed for: those who donated to Conference Dinners (including 2 community partners), those who helped choose Scholarship recipient, Renee Friesner for new leadership of Box Top collection.
- Viking Bucks distributed for: conference dinners, scholarship help, box top leadership.
- Additional correspondence: none

Hospitality Report submitted by Anna Ehlerding

Thank you to all the parents who contributed to staff dinners for conference nights in February 2nd and 9th. A big shout-out goes to our community partner, El Rancho Grande, for providing all of the seasoned ground beef and chicken fajitas needed for taco night dinner as well as for giving \$5 gift cards to our staff for their restaurant!

Music Room Happenings submitted by Dr. Jackson

- 1) *Seussical* cancelled for this spring due to the unforeseen circumstances of Dr. Jackson. A musical will be performed for students in grades 2-5 during the fall of 2017. WE ARE DOING *SEUSSICAL* in the Fall 2017.
- 2) The 59th Annual Princeton City School District Fine Arts Festival takes place in Matthews Auditorium of Princeton High School on March 19, 2017. Grade Four students will attend a group rehearsal at Matthews Auditorium on Thursday, March 16th, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The 4th grade teachers will be accompanying students at this event.
- 3) Elementary Recruitment Concert for Grade Five students takes place on March 20, 2017, at PCMS.
- 4) Try-It Nights for 5th grade students is April 4th and 5th at PCMS from 6-8 p.m. Students will choose which instrument they would like to play during their middle school and high school years.
- 5) Grades 1 and 2 are traveling to the Aronoff on Friday, February 24, 2017, to view *Duffy Hudsonj: Duffy Does Dr. Seuss*.
- 6) Zak Morgan Performance—Grade K—May 2017
- 7) Napoleon Maddox—Finding your voice through Hop Hop—May 2017