

## **PFO Meeting minutes Wednesday 1/23/19**

### Guest Speaker- Vicki Hoppe

- Buddy Bench in conjunction with Great Friends Working Cooperatively
- Organization will fund the \$300 cost, students will help collect, clean, and weigh the caps.
- Designed to ensure everyone has a friend to sit with or play with.
- Class that collects the most gets a pizza party
- Students (and Ms. Jordan) can select the color and placement for the bench

### Mr. Patt and Mrs. Benoit- Cultural Celebration

- “It’s Continental” is the theme
- February 7th, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Students will get passports to visit 7 continents
- 9 stations – each continent will have something to do (music, art, clothing, crafts, games, etc.), plus a station for parent input and a map to pin where people are from and highlight the school’s diversity
- Samplings of desserts from different cultures
- This year, teachers will man each station. Hope is for future years to have parents engage and staff stations and share their culture
- Applied for grant from Princeton Education Foundation, but won’t hear back immediately
- Amy motioned and Diana seconded a motion to spend up to \$200 under Programming for supplies to support the event—approved by vote

### Science Fair- Mr. Patt

- Concept was raised last year, and we are now planning to have it Wednesday, May 22nd this year.
- Set up in Cafeteria (and gym if necessary)
- Classes will be called down in the afternoon to view the fair. Parents and community can come in during the evening.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade targeted for participation
- May come back to this group for funding for supplies if necessary

### Principal’s report- Mrs. Jordan

- Princeton’s Got Talent on Wednesday, February 13th
  - A dance troupe will represent Sharonville in the show
  - Tickets are \$20, if bought through the school the building will get \$10 (if purchase online, can select the building)
  - Headliner is Princeton graduate who was on season 8 of America’s Got Talent
- Leadership opportunities for students- “jobs” around school include cafeteria monitor, morning announcements, playground equipment, hall monitors, etc.

- New jobs have been assigned for the new semester
- Tutoring is coming up for Spring
  - Grades 3, 4, 5
  - Teachers now reviewing who to invite
  - Will offer reading and math depending on staffing availability and ability to keep small groups
- Brand new copy machine arrived over break, requires swipe to use
  - Will be getting a card for PFO to be able to use the machine (will have limited number of copies to start)
- Testing coming up
  - Looking at student needs for growth and/or hitting state targets
  - Identifying specific reasons for missing benchmarks
  - Trying to give students ownership for scores and explaining what they mean
  - Expanding this effort down to grade 1 (not just 3-5)—looking ahead
  - Benchmarking with other schools in area, as well as other schools in the district, to determine where programming can be updated to better meet needs
  - Biggest challenge in our building is second language learners
  - Examples of actions taken: 1<sup>st</sup> grade team is bringing in parents for coaching on how to help learners with most room for growth; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade beefing up some math focus in classes

#### Teachers' report- Mrs. Powers

- Thanks for holiday luncheon and cookies
- Thank you for the laminator
- Held off participating in Pennies for Patients campaign until we saw how fall fundraising went
  - Will be doing this in February
- Currently determining need for new spare headphones (especially with testing coming up)
  - Will research some options and costs

#### Dr. Jackson

- Received \$60 check in memoriam for a teacher from this area from her friends
- February 19, 20, 21- grades 3, 2, 5 will sit with an artist in residence (Porgy in Porgy & Bess) working on spirituals
  - Some work will be performed by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at next PFO meeting
- Grant opportunity from Cincinnati Youth Choir- CCM will be here between March and May
  - Cost is \$50 per student, applying for grant with Princeton Education Foundation, but would also like some funding from PFO (no amount or timing discussed)
  - Hope to have 30 participants
- Grades K and 1- February 7th will go see Peg & Cat at the Aronoff
- April 16th- Black Violin field trip for grade 5

## Approval of Minutes from November 2018

### President's Report- Amy Goohs-Hardman

- District has approved new electronic marquee boards for all schools (yay!)
- Key Communicators Meeting
  - Recommend viewing the "This is Princeton" video (well done by same company that Music Boosters used)
- Picture Day is Monday, February 25th
- Hospitality- still need someone to take over this committee
- Viking Store-
  - Will be open 4 days over the next two weeks
  - Please advertise the incentives available as well as the other items
- \$500 PFO Scholarship awardee has been selected; thanks to all who helped evaluate the essays
- Mac Barnett visit was great
- Princeton Education Foundation Gala is March 9th
  - PFO will sponsor a basket donation

### Treasurer's/Budget report—Jennifer Means

- Santa's Corner made money this year!

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion is Wednesday May 29 (evening)

### Chairperson's reports

- Erica Figgins: Box Tops- current contest ends Thursday, February 21
- Stacy Schappacher: Fun Festival- can we use extra red bags from last year? Will check closet.

### Q&A:

- Camp Joy will be mid-May (13<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Trip to UC for Fastballs and Fitness for 5<sup>th</sup> grade is 5/14

**Next Meeting March 6, 2019 —will include 3<sup>rd</sup> grade performance**

*(will plan on parent incentive to get folks to stay for meeting)*