



PTO Meeting Minutes January 17, 2008

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Sarah Bender at 6:35 p.m.
2. **Introductions** –
 - Staff: Mary Salter-Kindergarten, Stephani Hardon-3rd grade, Patty Toomey-student achievement and K-2 interventions for reading, Kristin Rainey-1st grade, Laura Grapner-Speech/Language, Jenn Weese-Principal, Sara Harp-Assistant Principal
 - PTO Officers: Sarah Bender-President, Ann Ryan-Vice President, Toni Masters-Treasurer and Leslie Maegley-Secretary
3. **Treasurer's Update** – Toni Masters
 - We received a \$957.00 for Boxtops last week
 - We made \$404.00 on the Holiday Boutique
 - The card making class netted Meridian, \$229.00.
 - Current PTO account balance is \$6,731.72.
4. **Raptor Bad System update** – Jenn Weese
 - We got the system this week. We're short some user names and passwords. Everyone who is in the office that is using the system has to take some tutorials to learn how to use it
 - We're hoping by the end of February to get that up and running.
5. **Movie Night** – Sarah Bender
 - No one was interested in heading it up last month, so Sarah pulled together some information so it would be easier for someone to tackle. Sarah asked if someone was interested in organizing it.
 - What needs to be done is to upgrade the BASE license for a PTO covered cost of \$64, select a night and a movie, and get a flyer home to families. The flyer will indicate that this is not a babysitting service and that it is a Family Movie Night, so families have to stay with their children.
 - The PTO Board will work that night, so that no one else has to work. We need to follow-up with Lisa Meier to confirm we have the proper equipment to show the movie in the gym.
 - A motion was made and unanimously approved to spend the \$64.00 on the license upgrade.
 - In the absence of other volunteers, PTO Officers Leslie Maegley & Ann Ryan volunteered to head it up.
6. **Father/Daughter Dance** – Dana Lulich/Lisa Wagner
 - Dana proposed April 25th for the date of the Father/Daughter Dance. Toni is going to follow-up with Ami to confirm the date. The only thing they've decided is that they'll be serving "pink chocolates."
 - If anybody is interested in volunteering to be on the father/daughter or mother/son events, contact Dana Lulich via Tanya Miller at Volunteer@MeridianPTO.org.
7. **Mother/Son Basketball Game** – Dana Lulich/Lisa Wagner
 - March 14th is a "go" for this event. We need to think about collecting the money in advance, so we need to figure out a way to collect it. Dana will meet with Toni to figure out how we will coordinate the money. The money is due a week before the event and then all tickets will be at will-call.
 - There will be no peanuts, but there will be some food and a snack.
 - We discussed that we will start publicizing the event after the Check Writing Campaign is over.
8. **Check Writing Campaign** – Sarah Bender
 - Sarah said that the Officers will run the fundraiser but if anybody wants to help, let us know. There was discussion about how to allocate the % of the money that will go directly to the teachers. It was decided that 60% of the total amount of money would be split in equal shares to all the classroom and specials teachers. The other

40% will go to the PTO general fund to be used to fund requests from staff and teachers, and ongoing costs with the Raptor System Badge.

- Families with more than one child will be able to write one check and we'll split the check as indicated so that we can keep track of individual totals for classroom incentives. Toni will provide Jennifer Bragg with updated classroom totals on the website on Wednesday and Friday.
- The dates will be February 1-15.
- The teachers requested that we provide an envelope for the families to use for sending in their money.
- Class incentives could include:
 - Pizza party for the winning class.
 - Free tix to Skate City
 - An extra recess
 - Movie afternoon
- Regarding the flyer, it was suggested that it contain a small opening paragraph and then a few bullets to make the information easier to read. Put all the rest of the details on the website.
- It was also suggested, that we give some examples of what teachers will receive at various levels:
 - If every child brings \$40, every teacher will get _____
 - If every child brings \$30, every teacher will get _____
 - If every child brings \$20, every teacher will get _____
- 35 teachers, including Specials teachers will benefit from the money raised
- It was suggested that the teachers report what they spent the money on in their weekly newsletters.
- Suggest this sentence, "Classroom needs to support curriculum" to describe the need for the fundraiser
- Dani Thiret and Heather Johnson volunteered to assist with finalizing the flyer.

9. **Card Making Class** – Wendy Highfield

- Wendy has confirmed February 6th, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm as the date for the Valentines' card making class. This time, it will be marketed more as fun activity and less as a fundraising event given its proximity to the check writing campaign.

10. **Crossing Guards** – Sarah Bender

- We have been unable to come up with a solution for Crossing Guards for this year. Would like to form a committee and there has been at least a couple of people who have expressed an interest. The committee would be in charge of figuring it out and be in charge of creating the program. Jenn will put a note in the newsletter about joining the committee. There was some discussion; details follow
- Jenn Weese said that at her former school, Seniors that worked there got property tax credits for the hours they put in at our school. The Committee might want to check that out.
- Can we pay city of Broomfield Police officers to work on their off hours?
- Getting the McKay & Broadlands HOAs involved and get it in their newsletter to see if there are any volunteers around.
- See if we could limit Engle's ability to move their vehicles and drive around on the street outside of school during crossing hours.
- Jennifer Hickey volunteered to be on the committee. Matthew Elliott also volunteered to be on a committee.
- Jenn will put it in the Meridian newsletter.

11. **PTO Expo** – April 29th – 9am to 3pm - \$10 to go. Sarah's suggestion is that if you're interested in going, think PTO could pay for it. Sarah made a motion that was unanimously approved that the PTO will pay for up to 15 people to go to the PTO Expo for a total expenditure of \$150.00.

12. **Upcoming Events**

- Scrip weekly ordering
- Gunther Toody's Restaurant Night - February 19th – 15-20% of sales).
- Chick-fil-a Restaurant Night – March 18th (20% of sales)
- Next PTO Meeting – February 21, 2008 at 6:30 pm
- Mother/Son 14ers Basketball Game – March 14, 2008 – Flyer to go out after Check Writing Campaign
- Father/Daughter Dance – date pending, but tentatively planned April 25th

13. **Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.