

Belleville Henderson Central School
PTO Meeting Minutes
March 31, 2016

Janelle Hodge - President
President
Lori Redden - Secretary

Kim Gordinier - Vice

Kim Gehrke - Treasurer

Members in Attendance: Janelle Hodge, Kimberly Gordinier, Kim Gehrke, Jody White, Jayla White, Kristine Maloney, Kristin Vaughn, Katelyn Costello, Johanna Drake, Carrie Eastman & Lori Redden

Meeting Called to Order in the Library @ 6:35pm

Old Business:

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed by all in attendance. Kim Gordinier made a motion to accept the minutes. Carrie Eastman seconded the motion.

Memberships: Lori reported that we have 36 paid members including 5 teachers. Lori mentioned the meeting requirement for the senior scholarship on the meeting reminder she emailed/posted. With two in attendance tonight, there are now four seniors who meet the qualifications for a scholarship.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Gerke reported that a deposit of \$320 was made from the Thirsty Painters fundraiser. Current checking balance is \$10,445.71 with nothing outstanding. There were no changes to the Kris Kringle Account. No one in attendance had any questions pertaining to the treasurers report and was accepted as is.

Box Tops/Soup Labels: Kate stated that after talking to Scott Storey regarding the reward; it was suggested that we up the reward to top class gets Ice Cream Reward and top three classes get a movie in the auditorium and an extra recess. Scott stated that he would pull teacher aids for coverage for the teachers of the winning classes during the movie so they are given a reward as well. Kate explained the email she sent out to the elementary teachers explaining the competition. Kate, Carrie and Johanna have offered to watch the students for the recess during their planning periods - thus again, giving the winning classroom teachers another reward as well. It was discussed if having all three classes outside for a recess would be too many at once, especially if there are already classes outside. Kate stated that she had no problem splitting it up to one class/per day. The ice cream reward had already been voted on and approved at the last meeting as per Kate's email the movie and recess were pending approval. Carrie Eastman made a motion to accept the additional rewards and Kim Gehrke seconded. No one in attendance were opposed to the rewards. Kate Costello will send monthly email updates to the elementary teachers with the current standing.

Kate stated that she has already turned over 2,249 boxtops over to Janelle for submission since

the start of the competition. Johanna Drake mentioned that she has seen an increase in boxtops for her classroom. Lori asked how the extra boxtops that are turned in at the greeters desk that are not associated with an elementary class were being handled. Kate explained she has been splitting them up evenly between the classes and she had one extra which she drew a teachers name out of a hat with Nicole Billman as a witness. Carrie Eastman suggested that sheets get sent home again. Lori suggested that next Spring, we compare 2015-2016 amounts to 2016-2017 amounts to see if the reward system is beneficial to the program numbers. We have received a \$250.00 gift card from the Soup Label program which we are thinking of possibly purchasing some items that could be raffled off at the AG Fair. As of August 1st of this year...this program is going to be discontinued. This is another reason to hopefully increase our boxtop profits.

Yearbook - PTO Ad: No Picture for the Yearbook was taken this year. Kim Gordinier gave permission to use the same photo as last year. Kim Gerhke reported that the ad will cost us roughly 65.00 this year but she hasn't actually received a bill yet.

Thirsty Painters Fundraiser: Lori reported another fundraiser has been setup for Saturday, June 4th from 12-3pm at the Barley Pub. Lori will email/post the winning painting from the voting.

DieCut Machine: Kate Costello reported that the dies have arrived and are available for use. The prices from Amazon from the time she first presented the prices to us to the time the order was actually placed had increased slightly from \$288 to \$305 and from \$157 to \$168 on the second set. Marissa did place the order and is waiting for an invoice to give to us. Once Kim Gehrke has received the invoice, she will make a check out directly to First Bank (School's Credit Card).

PTO Sponsored Program/The Wild Animal Park: Lori stated that she made the final arrangements with the Animal Park. They are coming on Wednesday, April 20th for two presentations of six animals: Alligator, Snake, Tortoise, Coatumundi, Baby Baboon, & Hedgehog. Their cost was only \$355.00 which was much lower than what we had anticipated. K-3 will be at 9am and 4-6 will be at 10am. Pre-K was told to come to either show that best fits into their schedule. Students should really enjoy this program and the PTO is happy to be able to put it on.

Halderman Donation Request: We never received a request in writing pertaining to the basket donation and we have not received a request pertaining to the Tri-County Art Expo either.

Fundraiser Ideas: The Dance for Elementary Students/Fun Night, Dance-athon, & Fun Run - Springtime with Theme/Costume contest are being tabled at this time.

- Donkey Basketball - juniors vs seniors, parents vs teachers. Lori had contacted John Sisters from Mountain View Ranch in Danby VT. The info she obtained pertaining to holding this type of event is as follows: \$40.00 Contract Deposit that is not refundable. They supply donkeys, refs, balls and promotions. We do not have to supply anything except for the players. If we can get another venue to setup an event on the same

weekend they will give us a discount as they are coming from 5 hrs away. There are two different ways to handle the ticket prices: 1) Pay a flat rate of \$2,250 and we set the prices - we make anything that is over the 2,250. 2) \$1,150 and then split 50/50 after the 1,150 is paid and prices are 8.00 presale, 9 or 10 at the door and under 4 are free. We keep anything we make on concession stand. There are two types of events: Tournament (most popular) 4 teams of 6 players and Single which is just two teams. Either event - they allow children under the age of 12 to get free donkey rides. The cost of this event is a concern but we will keep this in mind as a fundraiser for next year-early March. Kristine Maloney stated the last time they held this event, they were concerned that they were not even going to break even. They had to hold a 50/50 raffle during the event as well to make sure they did. This is the reason why the booster club stopped holding this event.

- Bubble Ball Fundraiser - Kate, Carrie & Johanna mentioned that they had just attended one of these events. Proceeds are split 60% to us / 40% to them. There is an age limit of 16 with parents signature. Each player would pay a fee to play. They have both kid-size and adult-sized bubble balls. They are thinking we could do something like this late September - Early October outside. One of "them" will speak to Scott Storey to see if we could hold this type of event here and if the gym could be used in case of rain. "They" will report back at the next meeting.
- Teacher Skit Show - Kate Costello reported that they will address this at the next meeting. They are waiting until all of the state testing is done before addressing this.

Upcoming Events:

- Staff Appreciation Week (first week in May - 2nd thru 6th). Due to Janelle's Schedule change...we are going to bring in lunch to the staff on Tuesday instead of Friday this year. Janelle is going to verify with Scott that there is no conflict with this change. We are still planning on Mac n Cheese, Rolls n Butter, Desserts. Lori will email/post asking for donationas for this week as it gets closer.
- Scholarship Committee Meeting - After May 15th - committee members will be Janelle, Kim Gordinier, Kim Gehrke, Lori Redden and Stephanie Race.
- Honors Banquet - May 17th - Kim Gehrke and Janelle Hodge will hand out certificates and Lori will be their backup if needed.
- Belleville Field Days - Saturday, June 11th. Lori contacted Jen Corron and verified that they still want us to run the games again this year. Lori asked who the Junior Class advisor was...Mrs. Bibbins....she will contact them to see if the Junior Class will want to run the games this year unlike the Junior Class last year. We pay the Junior Class \$150.00 if they participate.

New Business:

Officers Positions: Lori asked all in attendance if any current officer wanted to give up their position or if any member was interested in taking a position. No one commented either way - officer positions will stay the same for the upcoming school year. Lori mentioned this because any changes would have to be voted on at our last meeting.

Butterflies: Kim Gordinier asked whether her butterflies could be purchased again this year. Kim Gehrke stated that this was in the budget. Kate Costello made a motion to approve - Kristin Vaughn seconded.

Wishlist Money: Kim Gordinier asked if a reminder could be sent out to remind teachers to get their requests in and if they haven't attended a meeting this year - our next meeting in May is our last meeting of this school year. Lori stated that she would get one out to them.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 12th @ 6:30pm in the Library

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm