

Provincetown Schools PTA

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 15, 2015 8:30am

Meeting Location: Provincetown School Conference Room

I. Call to Order

- Eva Enos called to order the regular meeting of the PTA at 8:35am
- Members present: Eva Enos, KD Mernin, Jocelyn Myhrum, Stacy Rogers, Astranada Gamsey, Kim Pike, Jamie Kryszkiewicz, Tracy Katchic-Anders

II. Minutes Approval

- Minutes from 3/11/2015 approved

III. Officer's Reports

1. President's Report

- a. MCAS Snacks were a great success and we have been asked to do it again next year. We may be able to plan better to cut the costs a bit in the future. We got some good feedback about what worked best.
- b. The Easter Egg Hunt went very well. About 50 kids attended, mostly the younger children. Next year we should scale back to 9-10am, buy less candy and more prizes.
- c. The Town Meeting Bake Sale was a success! We brought in more than \$2000 before expenses. Unfortunately we had very few donations of baked goods/water from parents, maybe we need to look at promoting this better next year. We had 2 new members sign up at the bake sale – welcome!
- d. Kindle Grant – Lisa Westervelt is writing the proposal to hopefully get a grant through the PTA to obtain 20 Kindles for the school's use. We need to show parent involvement in the family night activities that would be Kindle-based.

2. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Egg Hunt cost was approximately \$225 (\$78 paid, ~\$150 in receipts for candy/eggs expected shortly)
- b. MCAS snack costs were \$541
- c. Town Meeting fundraiser net \$1657 (We took in about \$2300, expenses were \$658, about \$100 was spent on dinner for children at Rec sponsored childcare). Any donations above the cost of the patron's purchase was put in the donation jar for the Costa Rica trip.
- d. PTA Convention – KD and Liz Lovati attended and got some great information about some PTA programs we can take advantage of. Our PTA was presented with an award for membership increase!
- e. KD suggested (as learned at the PTA convention) that we should probably up our insurance to a broader coverage that will insure us personally as well. Approximate increase of \$400 in premiums. This increase was approved.
- f. It was clarified that it is okay to spend PTA funds on member expenses as part of operating budget.

IV. Subcommittee's Reports

1. Reading Garden
Stacy presented the first draft of the reading garden that was put together by landscape architect Steven Cosmos. We made some suggestions regarding tweaks to the plan
 - Would prefer a split rail fence to provide clear visual lines into the area to deter illicit activity
 - Include student-made art tiles, possible on totems or incorporated into fence
 - Would ideally like seating for 20, benches instead of chairs
 - Stacy will bring new ideas to planner and will present to the School Committee
2. BYFTS
The events were a success and we will continue to offer next year. We will discuss in the future the types of events (children and/or parenting focused) and the scope of the events (dinner, childcare, etc.)

V. Unfinished Business

1. Art Project Cards
KD spoke with Ms. Fox, we would probably focus on a box of 10 cards representing art (PreK-8) that features something relevant to Provincetown. We would like to market to the public, not parents. We will most likely not produce this year however we discussed having an Art Party as a possible dry-run for art submissions. Astranada, Jamie and Tracy will lead the subcommittee for this.

VI. New business

1. End of Year Dance
Scheduled for Friday June 5th, 6-9pm. The DJ has been secured for \$400.
2. Budget 2015-2016
KD presented the budget for next year and it was approved.
3. Teacher Appreciation
Scheduled for the first week of May. Liz Lovati will prepare the food, budget of \$500.
4. Violent Video Games Seminar
Tentative date of May 18th, more info to follow.
5. Request from Wee Care
Request for boards & chalkboard paint (estimated \$50) approved.
6. Plans/Ideas for 2015-2016
Officers will meet at a later date to continue this discussion. Input from members always welcome!

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

- Eva Enos adjourned the meeting at 10:10am

Minutes submitted by: Jocelyn Myhrum

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- 2015-2016 Meeting Dates will be posted prior to the start of the school year.