**November 5, 2012 Petrova Parent Club Meeting**

**Petrova Elementary School Library, 7 pm**

Attendees and Introductions:

Sara Shatraw, Bob Laba, Zoe Smith, Polly Kelting, Darla Martin, Becky LaDue, Marianne Burdeau, Lori Mouranie, Chrissy Hayden, Carrie Bradley, Tracy Goetz, Michelle Davis, Deb Ryan, Josh Dann

Treasures Report (Bob):

* Reviewed the layout of the Treasurers report

School Directory

* All of the parents have been contacted and we will be able to include all children in the directory
* Amy is working on creating the list of multiple siblings to reduce paper going home by sending only one copy of announcements per family.
* Zoe will be contacting Ken Aaron to let him know we are almost ready to send him the info for formatting the directory and to check on his schedule

Facebook report

* Facebook is currently a private page, cannot search for it. Members can invite others, like folks who have kids in pictures. We decided to change to be searchable, so that people can say they want to join. The purpose is to facilitate better info and photo exchange. There are about 76 facebook users. All comments seem to be appropriate so far.

Grade Liaison Report

* Zoe suggested items to add to the letter that Grade Liaisons write to their grade parents and discussed her sample letter. Lori will copy and put in teachers mailboxes this week!

Afterschool Report

* Becky completed her after-school mission. A round of applause by all.
* Afterschool signups sent out, due back by the end of the week.
* Becky spent $24 for yarn, glue. It will be $5/child for 4H. We should still have enough to cover the increase.
* Ironman grant for 2 and 5 grader snowshoeing. Grade Liaison for 2 and 5 will need to contact teachers about a schedule.

BoxTops and Campbells Labels

* Our last submission brought in $146 for box tops; very low compared to this time last year. Perhaps people are more lax about turning in their tops. Used to be a competition. It was suggested that we put out another notice around the holidays asking parents to look for box tops while doing their holiday grocery shopping.
* Out of 350 students we only have around 100 PC numbers. Continue to send PC numbers to Lori or register yourself online. Sarah Shatraw suggested that we create a form for teachers to collect PC #’s from parents during teacher conferences.
* Campbells soup labels can get double points if your email is registered on line. Can give to Michelle Davis.
* Hannaford has changed the program, no longer turning in receipts. Lori has sent the info in to register and we are in the process.

Halloween Report

* Halloween went well- thank you Jenn and all of the volunteers! Some people didn’t get called back to volunteer. We have a lot of kids who have allergies, seeds, kind of a tricky, no gluten free alternatives, maybe we should not have food. Should there be a different activity besides food? Things to consider next year.

Book Fair, Nov 14-20

* Amy is handling volunteers. Nov 14-20.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Nov 16 and Nov 19

* Lori will be coordinating snacks for break room. Send emails out for plates, forks, snacks for teachers. Just drop off w/ MaryLou by 11:30 am. Lori will send am email about this.
* Have table at the PT conferences by the front door to sell Holiday Raffle tickets. Polly will email about HW Haven and getting parent volunteers for the afternoons on the conference days. Make sure checks are made to Saranac Lake Rotary Foundation.

Holiday Giving, Dec 20

* Need a location for storage of items. Garages maybe. Maybe the balcony and the stairwell. Josh will have a conversation with Joe and Ellen.
* Collect gently used items for a quarter then donate to local charity. Lori will put an email and flyer out soon.
* Could custodians save their boxes for us to use and store them in the balcony?
* Fifth graders could go first and then help wrap for the kindergartners.

Christmas Tree Sale, Pick up Dec 8

* Polly reported tree prices from Tom Bell from Asplin Tree Farms. We will have 6, 8, and 10’ trees and also offer 14” wreaths.
* Flyers will have to go out the week before Thanksgiving

Holiday Raffle

* Bob handed out tickets. All are due back by Nov 26. Please keep stubs stapled together and remember to have folks make checks out to Saranac Lake Rotary Foundation
* 2 prizes will be awarded every day from Dec 1 – 26
* Polly will call radio station with the winners

Principal Update

Josh reported that as parents and staff members of Petrova, we might want to begin thinking about writing letters to our government officials regarding the new Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) process. This process focuses on a lot of testing and is really stressing our kids. The new observation process for teachers was put into place when NYS was granted the race to the top money. This money provides NYS with millions of dollars. The SLCSD will be awarded $54,000. The school board is having the administrators keep track of the time spent on the new APPR process, because it is such a timely task of implementing it.

Don Carlisto, Middle School English Teacher would be someone that could hold an informational session with parents to give some insight on this new evaluation process.

Another discussion about the school lunch program, new mandate might be going too far, the wellness policy was to teach moderation.

Meeting Adjourned