**Petrova Parents’ Club Meeting**

**Petrova Elementary Library**

**April 15, 2013at 7pm**

Attendees: Lori Mouranie, Lynn Newman, Carrie Bradley, Bob Laba, Marianne Burdeau, Becky LaDue, Josh Dann, Michelle Davis, Zoe Smith, Jenn Small, Polly Kelting, Tracey Goetz, Chrissy Hayden

**Treasurer’s Report**

* No change from last month.

**Principals’ Update**

*New Safety Procedures*

* Overall, the new safety procedures are smooth, although it seems a little chaotic outside in the buses lot. Now everyone in the building is accounted for.
* There are too many kids in the hall when grades 1-3 are released for the buses, creating a jam. Mr. Dann may try to let 4 and 5 grades out first to prevent the clog.
* LP has 3 crossing guards to help kids with getting across the roads. Could we have a local police person do this for 20 minutes?

*Science Fair*

* Last year there was very low participation from our older grades. The older children should motivate the younger kids.
* In the past Trudeau scientists judged the projects and awards were given. The awards process can be problematic and unclear. This year Mr. Dann proposes that projects not be judged and no metals awarded. All participants will get a T-shirt. The emphasis will be on learning and process.
* Kids are more receptive to learning from each other. We would like to try a different process where students, parents, and teacher will work together to come up with a project, i.e. why do some fruits have seeds and some don’t? Fill out form describing project, present their experiment in front of peers in the classroom telling what you learned and what you liked about the experiment.
* Mr. Baldwin could do his pond for the kindergarteners to make observations.
* There will still be single person projects rather than a group.
* At the science fair itself, we would like to ask a few local scientists, from Trudeau, one of the biotech labs, or Paul Smiths College, show and discuss an experiment.
* Science Fair is May 22.

*Fire Code*

* The building received 25 citations for various flammable items on the walls in the halls. Eighty percent of the area of the hallway walls needs to be kept free of flammable materials. There could be delineated boxes on the wall for teachers to display student work.

*May is Hospice Month*

* Why hospice? Because it is so important and will touch everyone at some point.
* We will basically follow the same format as last year, but are always entertaining new ideas for raising money. A parent has a button maker and could have kids design buttons for sale.

*Family Night – May 9 from 6:30-8pm*

* English muffin pizzas, lemonade in cafeteria.

**Teacher Appreciation Lunch – May 9**

* There was a lot of discussion regarding format ranging from direct calls to parents for a pot luck style, to a barbeque, to working with a local restaurant to provide the main dish as we did last year, which cost around $200. We are feeding over 100 teachers at this event.
* A flyer will be sent home with children asking for side dishes, drinks, and paper products again. Could possibly ask for a small donation ($) in lieu of an actual food item to help offset costs.
* Jenn Small will coordinate and is going to talk to Lisa G’s. Look for an email from her requesting volunteers.
* We will need help starting from the start of school (the middle school teachers eat early, around 10:45 am) until about 1 pm that day.

***Daffest Bake Sale – April 27, 7am-1pm***

* Zoe registered us with Daffest committee and we have the space at the top of La Pan Hwy for a tent.
* We can sell coffee! Tracey can bring the generator. We can get the huge coffee pot from Ruth.
* Ask Penny Wilette, who runs all of the Hyde Mobile’s, to donate coffee. *Who is going to do this?*
* Set up is 7 am, trial run for box cars is 8 am. Kids register by 10 am. Should pack up by 1pm.
* Marcy, Tracy, Chrissy to bake. Zoe can send note to teachers to see if they want to help bake. *Can Zoe send the same note to parent volunteer list and flyer home with kids for Friday before?*
* We could have 3, 2-hr shifts. Chrissy can help sell.
* Baked goods should be put in small packages. Carrie can donate snack bags and will pick up cups and coffee from Price Chopper.

***Other Business***

* Lynn Newman showed her camera and thanks us for the funding. Also, the year book will be in color! Thank you Mrs. Newman!
* No news on the directory.
* PPC can cover costs for the after school coordinator for the rest of the year if kept around 15 hours. This was an unbudgeted item.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is May 6, Petrova Elementary Library at 7pm. We will discuss end of year activities! Hope to see everyone there.