**Petrova Parents’ Club Meeting**

**January 13, 2014**

**7 pm Petrova Elementary Library**

Attendees: Zoe Smith, Chad McCarthy, Bob Laba, Jenn Small, Polly Kelting, Andy Walkow, Sara Shatraw, Chrissy Hayden

**Holiday giving**

* Donated $200 to 2nd grade food pantry drive

**Holiday Tree**

* Net $596
* More light would be nice to see the trees better.

**Winter Carnival Float: Parade is on the 8th.** **Chair Brian and Tracey Goetz**

* 3 kinds of trailers available. Do we want to walk or ride? Last year the float was a last minute project. The first year kids made alien masks. We should have the option for children to walk.
* We could make a cave, with green and floral reflective paper. Put a rainbow over the cave with a pot of gold. Paint could probably be donated from Ace.
* Float construction will happen at Church St store.
* At Family Night on Jan 30, the kids could trace their hands, cut out, and paint. Or we could photo copy large hands for them to cut and paint. Kids could also make glittery leperecon hats. Bob will contact Katie.
* Chad is willing to work on float and can donate seed funds.
* Tracey and Brian will email the volunteer group who wrote they were interested on the signup sheet.
* Jen Small will fill out the application to the village.
* Family Night is Thursday-Polly fix date on PPC website.
* Katie will design the signup sheet for parade and send home to kids.

**Indoor Winter Carnival: Sat, Feb 1, 11am-2pm**

* Polly will email Caroliegh Messorole about updating the Winter Carnival Website 11-2 pm
* Chad will schedule the gym for Fri night (Jan 31) to set up the WC
* Fri night: setting up the book table, the cake walk (Fri night drop off), silent auction, baked goods for lunch
* Zoe will have Jason make flyers-Tracey will distribute flyers around town. Send a pdf Chad who will send to other schools.
* Bob already contacted Shari Knapp about the hats. On family night sample hats and costs will be available for parents to view. Volunteers will set up outside to sell on Thurs and Fri before WC. Hats will also be sold at WC. Polly will pick up hats from Shari when Bob tells her.
* Chad will ask Ruth about refrigerator space for food Fri night and Sat.
* Jenn will get pizza from Price Chopper. Jenn will find out about pre-ordering pizzas-10 cheese and 10 pepperoni. Bob will give Jenn cash to pay for it.
* Jenn will donate Tatoo pens.
* Jenn will check at McDonalds to see if they will donate the small paper ketchup cups for ranch dressing.
* Zoe will ask Carrie about getting a Price Chopper gift card to purchase apples or clementines (4-5 boxes or bags), baby carrots (20 lbs), and 1-2 bottles of ranch. Will also discuss picking up other food: hot dogs, rolls, small, snack bags, ketchup, mustard.
* Zoe will email NPR and Enterprise with an announcement for event.
* Katie will send a note home for book donations
* Bob will contact Brandy about emcee for cake walk
* Kitchen: Norma W., Chrissy H., Polly
* Admissions Table: Tracey, Deb Ryan
* Cashier: Kelly Arnold
* Fill ins: Zoe, Jenn, Polly
* Silent Auction: Lori coordinated last year, Zoe will check in with her.
* Chad will send out note to teachers to volunteer.
* Chad will contact Maria DeAngelo about available prizes in his office from Dollar Store.
* All students will get 4 tickets for PBIS prizes.
* Jenn will get plastic table cloths at Dollar Store.
* Bob will get change for cash box.
* Chad will get the popcorn oil.
* Bob will bring the music for the cake walk.

**Family Night: Math and Art Night, Thurs, Jan 30**

* We have made fruit loop necklaces in patterns. We could use ChexMix or some similar variety of shapes for patterns and snacks.
* Lemonade was provided by the cafeteria.
* Katie sent out an email to teachers for ideas. Some teachers allot to have an activity in their classroom.
* The cafeteria is nice venue, makes a good community builder for parents.
* We could run a center if we wish; Zoe will contact Robyn Poulson, math teacher and parent, for ideas.

**Homework Haven**

* Tracey: will cover the rest of the HW Haven’s along with Marianne B, except for Mar, which is covered by Jen Clark.

**Afterschool Programming**

* All seems to be going well. No issues reported.
* May have to substitute Zumba for HipHop.

**Box Tops**

* Chrissy reminds us of setting school or grade level goals.
* Jenn will get the collection containers for classrooms. Chad will announce incentives and reminders.
* Next collection is Mar 1

**Uhlien Ironman Grant**

* Sarah discussed it at the faculty meeting. Teachers whose classes haven’t had other field trip opportunities who don’t have swim for life, snow shoeing, etc.are especially encouraged to apply for money from the grant.
* Funds from the grant are intended to be used to exposes kids to outdoor sports and healthy living. Items such as bases, toy boxes, jump ropes, hulla hoops, could be purchased with this money. What other items could be used for enhancing indoor recess activities? One major issue is space.
* Zoe will send Chad a brief email outlining the grant and it can be part of a special mini-grant opportunity.

**Principal Update: Chad McCarthy**

* Parking issues in the parking area and out along Petrova Ave. near the school have been discussed. Children cannot be seen in crosswalks by vehicles. Chad, Jeremy Evans, Mr. Sweeny will draft a recommendation that is specific on a solution to present to the Village Board to get a motion put on the floor.
* Chad will talk to Scott, the school safety officer about safety around the playground and parking lot.
* A group will be getting together soon to discuss how to make our Petrova spaces more green.
* Chad will discuss volunteer fingerprinting issue with supervisor.