**Petrova Parents’ Club**

**Meeting Notes May 5, 2014**

**Petrova Elementary Library**

**Attendees:** Chad McCarthy, Gary Baldwin, Carrie Baldwin, Jen Yousey, Bob Laba, Jenn Small, Chrissy Hayden

**Treasurers Report: no activity**

**Teacher Appreciation Lunch: Wednesday, May 15 in the cafeteria.**

* “From our Family to our Petrova Family” theme.
* Contact some parents to prepare some side items, maybe with a card describing the item.
* Grade levels for bread, drinks, desserts, flowers,
* Jenn bought all of the table cloths and other decorative items.
* Chad will donate towards the event.
* Jenn will write a letter for Carrie to get food from Price Chopper
* Parents can drop off food at the office Wed morning.
* Teachers need to be out by 1 pm, parent volunteers can come any time. We will need cutting boards and knives. We can use the ovens in the kitchen to heat food items.
* Chrissy will bring the mason jars for the flowers.

**Last week of school events:**

* June 23 Mon- K moving up; grades 3-5 Petrovathon
* June 24 Tues – 5th grade graduation; grades K-2 Petrovathon
* June 25 Wed – Fun Day-
  + DJ Wheels of Steel from Malone $250 – Bob can contact
  + Tim McCormick to come and tattoo – Polly will ask
  + Mr. Baldwin noted that the tank was unsafe last year because of the seat. Chad will talk to Meg Zander and Mandy about the dunk tank and the possibility of fixing it for them. What about a second bounce house?
  + PPC will provide hot dogs and watermelon

**Petrovathon**

* Reviewed the plan for June 23 (3-5th grade) and June 24 (K-2nd grade)
* Discussion about sharing proceeds with SLASYP. Reaching out in this way could build a bridge that could benefit both groups with shared outdoor equipment and support the garden club activities in the summer. There are mostly Petrova students that attend this program.

**Nominations for officers**

* Still no nominations
* We will still think about some candidates to approach individually
* Could do a press release naming our accomplishments

**Garden Club Updates**

* Discussion about garden club and plans for this year. Carrots, kale, and sungold tomatoes will be planted for use in the cafeteria menu and in support of the Adirondack Farm to School Initiative.
* The first stage of a butterfly garden will be the focus of this year’s garden club project.
* The greenhouse was approved and the final location will be near the current compost and garden spaces. The money allocated for this project through the Mini-grant will be spent this month.

**Principals’ Update**

* Faculty Meeting discussed: Petrovathon, Music, Math Testing, Fun Day, Science Fair, Science Testing, District Budget a bit – adding back an elementary school teacher!
* Cafeteria – 4th and 5th graders have more room and choice on where they can sit. This is working very well.
* Chad will incorporate the “Coffee with the Principal” time for parents to come in and have a casual discussion about school related issues.
* Chad will relook at block scheduling for next year and finding creative scheduling to accommodate the loss of staff.

**Other Business:**

* Mr. Baldwin would like help funding the Tshirts for the science fair. Mr. Baldwin will check on the shirt costs and come back and talk to Chad, who can discuss with PPC next week.
* It was suggested that a summer planning meetings could be called including all of the parent groups in the district who wanted to attend and give an overview of what each of the groups are doing for fundraising and when their events usually are hosted. This could help prevent overlap and continuity of the events for the year, as well as streamline parent impact towards a single goal. For example, a district parent goal could be towards supplying chrome books to all students grades 7-12.

Meeting Adjourned

Next PPC Meeting June 2, 7pm Petrova Elementary Library