**Petrova Parents’ Club Meeting**

**November 4, 2013**

**7pm Petrova Elementary Library**

Attendees: Zoe Smith, Chad McCarthy, Bob Laba, Lisa Tuggle, Sara Shatraw, Andy Walkow, Polly Kelting, Tam Ly, Jen Yousey, Jen Duffy, Chrissy Hayden, Jenn Small, Carrie Bradley

**Treasurers Report:**

* Concession stand: $268 spent, net $415
* We bought popcorn and shared expense of new popcorn machine with village.
* Box Tops: earned $86 this term.

**Concession Stand: Sat, Oct 19**

* Only the varsity game this year.
* Price chopper pizzas were perfect; leftovers were given to SL soccer team.
* Left over waters will be saved for winter carnival.
* Mini-grant funding awarded.

**Mini-grant committee:**

We funded several grants from teachers.

* 4th grade owl presentation from Adirondack Wildlife Refuge
* 3 ipads, one for first grade, one special ed, and one for kindergarten class
* Lower case letter die cuts available to all staff for bulletin boards, etc.

**Box Tops**

* Having incentives for each classroom was not effective; we will try by grade for the spring term.
* We could put collection bins in each classroom (who is willing to have them). Jen will get bins for the classrooms
* Collection rewards could be popsicles or a popcorn party for winning grade. We could also consider something funny a teacher could do in front of the whole school.
* Chad will send out facebook notices, and announce to school weekly reminders of Box Top collection drive.
* Box Top return dates are Nov 1, Mar 1, end of year

**Halloween Party: Thurs, Oct 31**

* Awesome! Donuts were missed by kids.
* Clean-up was a lot less without food.
* Beading table was great. A lot left for at least next year.
* Kids loved potato sack races; we needed to lay out gym pads on the floor.
* Marci did a great job with the dancing and music selection.
* We might look into getting some gauze instead of TP. Or, we could contact the art department to see if they could use the extra TP for paper making.
* Drama club did great skits and tacky jokes.
* Bill Wilson did stories and a “guess who” game.
* Chad will look into auditorium.

**Holiday Raffle**

* Prizes will be awarded every day from Dec 1- Dec 31
* The deadline for tickets to return to Bob is Nov 22.
* Winner’s names will be put on the school website. Carrie will contact winners.
* There will be 100 books of 10 tickets, with envelopes to contain money and ticket stubs.
* Please take a book or two to sell

**Holiday Tree and Wreath Sale: Fri, Dec 6, 5:30-7:30pm**

* Carrie talked to Vernon James, who was positive about having a bonfire. He will contact the superintendent for final permission.
* A permit is not needed, according to the Dennis from the fire department. Dennis will also be present.
* Carrie will contact Mrs. Dalton about special chorus singing for an hour.
* Polly will contact Clyde Baker about winter carnival court to come. This may also fulfill a community service for them.
* Polly will find out what else is going on Fri, Dec 6 between the hours 5:30-7:30.
* Kelly will be in charge of the baked goods which will be dropped off in office by Fri, Dec 6.
* Chad will put in a work order for a tent, 2 tables, and take care of holiday music playing from the school loud speaker.
* Zoe says there is a lot of left over hot chocolate from the concession stand we can use.
* Polly is coordinating flyer and processing orders with Asplin Farms.

**Holiday Giving: Thursday, Dec 19**

* We are accepting gently used items that would be appropriate for grandparents, parents, and siblings. Please no VHS, stuffed animals, clothes.
* Items can begin being brought in now and left in the office. Lori, Nona, and children will ferry items for storage in the upper balcony. Lori and others will sort there.
* Teachers will collect the money in the classroom.
* Letter needs to be sent home for each grade to bring in wrapping paper, bags, tissue paper, tape, bows
* Kindergarteners had 5th grade buddies help them shop and wrap back in their classrooms. This works well.
* Set up is the night before, Wed, Dec 18, 7 to whenever.
* There was discussion about raising price to a dollar. This is event is a lot of work for just a quarter. Decision was that we cannot raise the price to a dollar.
* Someone could talk to Stacy Black about getting some middle school kids to help pack up in exchange for taking whatever gifts they are interested in.

**Afterschool Programs**

* Programming starts Dec 2 –Most programs are 6 week sessions.
* Zoe passed around the offerings for this year.

**Uhlien-Ironman Grant**

* We can spend the money on anything that has to do with wellness and nutrition.
* Kindergarten expressed a possible trip to ORDA, or maybe the VIC. Put out a note to our K or 1 teachers for recommendations for ideas of what our area kids
* Is there any equipment needed at our gym?

**Principal Update: Chad McCarthy**

* Teacher observations are going on now. Things are busy. No major updates.
* Tried recess a little different, moved 4th and 5th up to the upper playground.

**A couple of upcoming events:**

* There is a book discussion on “How Children Succeed” by Paul Tough at Northern Lights School, Nov 12. All are welcome and encouraged.
* On Nov 14, at SUNY Plattsburgh, there is an education forum about the Common Core Curriculum, from an educators and parent point of view.
* SLPTEA (Saranac Lake Parent Teacher Education Alliance) group is hoping to start meeting again.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**Next Meeting Dec. 2, 7pm Petrova Elementary Library.**