**Petrova Parents Club Meeting, March 4, 2013**

**Petrova Elementary School Library, 7 pm**

Attendees: Suzanne Brosseau, Zoe Smith, Carrie Bradley, Donna Kleist, Josh Dann, Polly Kelting, Darla Martin, Lori Mouranie, Jenn Small, Bob Laba, Becky LaDue, Christina Hayden

Suzanne Brosseau- Building Representative for Teachers Union

* Teachers Union looking for help from PPC to help “get the vote out” to pass the school budget. Melissa DeVitt, Teachers Union President, will share the game plan for getting people to vote and will have all of the info about the budget for us to speak to voters. We want to preserve as many programs as possible.
* Our tax cap is 3.3%. If the district wants to fill the budget gap by raising taxes above the property cap, it has to pass by 60% of the votes.
* There are close to 10,000 registered voters, and historically only 700-800 votes cast.
* May 15 or 16 is voting day.
* Every Wednesday evening now until April 19 are budget work sessions at the School Board Meetings- *parents are welcome and encouraged to come and give their input.* Next School Board Meeting is Mar 6, Mar 20, Apr 10, Apr 17 at 6:30pm at Middle School Library.
* If vote doesn’t pass, we go to contingency budget. District will have to find the difference.
* PPC may send a flyer home with children to remind families of the school vote near the time with the when the district sends out budget postcards.

Treasurers Report

$5100 to district for minigrant awards. We purchased 2 smartboards and projetors for the reading room. We bouth speakers for smart boards.

$1000 ahead of budget

Boxtops/Soup labels/Price Chopper

* Chrissy submitted boxtops for $467! Many thanks to Theressa Isabella and Marianne Burdeaux for processing.
* Deadlines for submitting for money are in November and March.
* We could use a barometer for box top collection in the auditorium or by the office to set goals and encourage more box top collection.
* Lori will send an email to Michelle to find out location of labels.
* We have a lot of Price Chopper points.

Principal Update: JoshDann

* Homework Haven coverage needed Apr 15, May 4, Jun 4 from 3:20-4:15pm in Mrs. Brosseaus’ room.

*Science Club and Fair*

* We received a $500 check from ExxonMobil for science club.
* Cecily Dramm asked if we could change the format of science fair where projects could be on display all day and all children would have time to view. Could Trudeau do an experiment to show our children a science experiment instead having school projects judged and awarded? Perhaps there would be more participation if group projects were allowed. All are great ideas, see Josh if you are interested in working on this.

*School Directory*

* Directory is ready to go. Kept it simple the first year. Ken is going to find out about printing and covering the costs. Thank you Ken!

*Reader’s Day*

* Reader’s day rejuvenated the staff. Everyone really enjoyed it and wished for more days like this.
* PBIS adults set the tone. We want to come up with ideas to keep the school atmosphere light and fun. Rotary gave every home room books for kids. Thank you Rotary!

*School Safety*

* April 8 doors will be locked. Parents will be asked to wait in the office to pick up. K-1-2 will walk with their teachers to door 2 first, followed by grades 3-4-5 a few minutes later.
* All doors will be signed, directing parents/visitors to door 2. Inside doors will not open for any reason. Staff is worried that parents won’t like this, but no one is to be wandering the halls.
* Josh is still working on process for after school programs. Building will be open for night time functions.
* Could a crossing guard help funnel children to parents waiting in the cars?

*Temporary Before and After School Care at Petrova*

* Received a list from Tender Care Day Care of Petrova children who were enrolled there and would like to come to Petrova for care.
* District hired Kara Munn from 7-8:30 and 3:30-5:30 for the remainder or the year to provide this service for 7 children. Lake Placid has TAs come in an hour early and leave an hour early for child care.
* Could this be a business for the district? It would be a revenue source for district. This should be explored. Is there a parent who might be interested in such an endeavor?
* What about having the school gym open over spring break – school employees could pitch in and get paid. Would the PPC be interested in providing some volunteers?

Family Dance Night- Middle School Gym, March 14,6:30-8pm.

* Bill Wilson is emcee and will use his own music with sound system from Miss Streeter.
* Marcy doing Zumba
* Parents Club will purchase pretzels.
* Katie and Josh are heading it up and need liaison from parents club. Will there be a theme?

Pancake Breakfast- April 27, 8-11 am

* Zoe working with Daffest staff to get listed on brochure
* Polly will contact Paul Smiths College for maple syrup to be donated for use in exchange for possible sale of product for the College.
* Polly contact Ruth about breakfast supplies for making pancakes, bacon, and orange juice. We will need prices to compare supply costs from other sources.
* Other volunteers willing to help: Lori, Bob

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon- Thursday, May 9

* Jenn and Lori will co-chair. Lori would like to use the money more for another project to be discussed later.
* Luncheon food requests could be put on Facebook and sent home with children on a flyer- requesting a certain food group from each grade.
* Some theme ideas were bbq picnic, summer picnic with grilled hamburger/hot dogs; both could come with a variety of salads. Jenn will also contact a restaurant.
* Polly will send the volunteer list. We should try to call parents on list directly to ask for specific items too. Most people will say yes to a direct call.
* Family Night is that evening.

Other Discussion

* Becky reported that After School Program thank you cards and mugs have been given to the programs have ended and will be given to Chad, Don, Gary, Pat, and French teacher when these end just before spring break.
* Really good participation for swim for life.
* Facebook page has good participation.
* Polly reported that there were 30 3rd-5th graders interested in the Garden Club.
* Homework Haven coverage needed Apr 15, May 4, Jun 4 from 3:20-4:15pm in Mrs. Brosseaus’ room.
* Simple jog-walk-a-thon on half day during last week of school?

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Apr 15, 7pm in Petrova Elementary Library