**November 4, 2015**

**Scholls Heights Library, 6:30pm**

**In attendance: Tara Green, Hilary Hillis, Dani Cohen, Grace Peel, Deanna Thornton, Paula Jones, Jamie Barrett, Gretchen St. Claire, Shanan Gardiner.**

Hilary Hillis, PTO Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

1. Officers Reports and Grant Proposals
   1. Grant Proposal – Judy Nielsen (Music)

The 5th Grade Choir will be performing at Washington Square Mall on December 3rd at 10:00am and will need funds to pay for bus transportation there and back.

* 1. Grant Proposal – Michelle Harlow (Kindergarten)

ABC Rug for the classroom – has 35 individual squares so each student has their own space for carpet time.

* 1. Grant Proposal – 4th Grade (Montague presented)

Subscription to Time Magazine for Kids (for all 4th graders) – a wonderful resource for teaching about informational text. A great non-fiction resource with current events for reading and writing.

* 1. Mrs. Berning – Presentation on Reading Program and Reading Assessment (IRLA – Independent Reading Level Assessment)
     + 300 books for each classroom
     + 3500 for our bookroom
     + Represents the best practice for teaching and is aligned with Common Core
     + More comprehensive reading assessment
     + Establishes a baseline first – the highest level at which a student can demonstrate proficiency
     + Shows where the student is at and where they should be. And what skills and behaviors lie in between.
  2. PTO Activity Reports
     1. Student Directory – ready to distribute in about a week and a half
     2. Vision/Hearing Screening – rough start to vision screening. Lyons Club was 15 minutes late and the cameras had issues. There were several volunteers and only two knew what to do. ISC took 40 minutes (all failed). Pacific University will be doing the hearing screening for Kindergarten and 1st grade.
     3. Big Al’s Bowling Event – Nov 15th (there is a raffle too). One has paid so far thru square
     4. Book Fair – $9000 total! Hilary listed tips and ideas for next year. Spring is the next fair. Maybe provide more incentive or credits to volunteers, also have longer shifts.
     5. Box Tops – about $400 + labels for education
     6. Potluck – there was a lot of food! Post on Facebook regarding bowls/dishes still left.
     7. Dining for Dollars - Pizzicato raised $660 ($600 is the minimum). McDonalds is Feb. 11th. Trying to get LaProvence on board.
     8. Scrip Week – due Friday. One large order turned in so far ($500).
     9. Shop and Play – Party Saturday Nov. 14th and there is also the scavenger hunt and some donated raffle items. Kids can make their wish list on 11/14.
     10. Piccilo Mondo – Shopping event 11/16 – 11/20.
  3. Volunteer Coordinators Report
     1. Events in Need of Volunteers
        1. Read to Me – enough time to read to two kids (shifts are 8:30, 9 and 11:30). Have teachers include this information in their newsletters.
        2. Art Lit – all classes are covered with at least two volunteers. Some volunteers are not cleared.
        3. Picture Retakes – Thurs 11/12
        4. Family Bowling Night – 2-hour shifts
        5. Hearing – 11/19 email Kindy and 1st grad parents to volunteer
        6. Passport – 11/18
     2. Fishbowl Winner – Melissa Stawarz
  4. Treasurer’s Report – Review October Financials

1. Principal’s Report
2. Security Updates

Phase 1 - Card Readers installed to get in since they doors will remain locked. Security Doors - the office staff will have a panic button to secure the doors in an emergency. Camera will be installed on the corner of the building. The office will have to buzz people in.

Phase 2 - Fencing in the portables (future plans).

1. Social Media Updates

The school now has Facebook and Twitter Accounts set up for parents to follow for updates and school news.

\*Setting up a Parent Tech Advisory Committee

\*November 24th – Favorite Sports Team Day

\*December 1st – 15th canned food drive

\*December 7th – 11th is Coding Week (C. Kunert)

\*No grants yet for performances this year

1. Grant Voting (by ballot)
   1. Grant – Judy Nielsen (Music) - unanimous, passed
   2. Grant – Michelle Harlow (Kindergarten) - unanimous, passed
   3. Grant – 4th Grade (Montague presented) - unanimous, passed
   4. Grant – Sheila (Chromebooks and iPads from the last General Meeting) - unanimous, passed
2. Old or New Business
3. Adjournment at 8:34pm