

## PTO Meeting Tuesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> MINUTES

### 1) CEO Report

- Mary Ester Van Shura, Director of Community Affairs through the County Executive office visited. Represented County Executive Rich Fitzgerald. One of the relevant points discussed was the possibility for the school to host a summer food program for students and the public.
- Senator Wayne Fontana visited.
- Karen Hacker from the Department of Health came to the school to discuss health concerns and plans that the school can work with the county on. One of the programs (Live Well Allegheny) intends to promote the health of the children through the increase of physical activities, etc.  
*To become a "Live Well" school, districts schools must be willing to tackle such issues as childhood obesity and the lack of physical activity and to encourage healthy eating. Districts must be willing to share student body mass index data and identify what steps they will take to achieve Live Well goals.*

### 2) Teacher Report:

- Inside Recess: Children watch movies during inside recess and they need more play and more physical activities after a long day of seating in a classroom. One suggestion for the younger kids would be to have toys in the classroom. We could send an email to homeroom parents to send toys that they are not using or board games for teachers to have available. They could also take turns having recess in the MPR so the kids can play or do activities like dancing, etc. Also practice fun "Activity Bursts" during the day (for example jumping jacks at their seats)
- Barnes and Noble Day Re-Cap - Mrs. Day, Ms. Dean, Mrs. McIntosh, Ms. Budziszewski: Good turnout, Fun performances, Good revenue. Was about the same for this event as last year.
- Although the location of tables was not ideal at the event. e.g, some people missed the teachers wish list. (Would be good to send a letter to parents with the teachers' wish lists).
- "School Fundraisers List" has been created, as a Google Doc. All fundraising committees to enter in their upcoming events/sales/contests etc.
- Winter celebration show: December 19<sup>th</sup>, afternoon. Time tbd. Afterwards, only homeroom parents will be allowed at the parties in classrooms. Every classroom has a different theme based on a different holiday.

### 3) Treasurer Report \*\* On separate paper.

#### Committees Updates

- Yankee Candles fundraiser was HUGE success. Total sales \$3,060! PTO profit \$1,098.00. Next spending plan is for Library Media Center and conference phone. Also, funds to be used for the purchase of Holiday Shoppe items.

- The biggest seller from Yankee candle will get rewarded with school-wide announcement and the top selling class (K-A) will get a pizza party.

T-shirt orders went out on Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due back Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Extra t-shirts will be ordered to sell later at event,, and for anyone who may have missed the deadline.

Craft Fair Saturday. Jen has volunteers for setup on Friday afternoon, setup Sat. morning, and take-down afterwards.

Final promotion efforts: Yard Signs, Facebook Invites, Emails, Craig's List

Holiday Shoppe December 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Karrie will check on those parents who signed up to volunteer, plus recruit more people to help out. Will create and manage a volunteer schedule for the week, to be uploaded to Google Drive.

#### Miscellaneous

Ms. Day will arrange for us to have an 8<sup>th</sup> grader babysit for future meetings. And order Pizza for next meeting. School Reach call to announce both, to encourage parent attendance.