

**Fawn Hollow PTO Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 16th**  
**Respectfully submitted by Darcy Scholz**

**Attendance:** Kate Goyette, Stephanie Batch, Mike Rubin, Nichole Beruit, Rachel Olivera, Rachel Pol, Sopoline Teng, Rebecca Kosisko, Marisol Martinez, Michele Garofalo, Darcy Scholz, Elizabeth Richer, Rachel Olivera, Candice Boyle, Melissa Sternthal, Rob Giampe, Kelly Sheehan, Amy St. Onge, Caitlin Walsh, Jill Kimball, Shannon Grumet, Rachel Pol, Kirsten Douglass, Alicia DeSanti, Michael F. Ganino

• **President's Welcome/Report: Mike Rubin**

- School Supply Kit
- EOY picnic for 50th
- Superintendent coming to our meeting in March

**Treasurer's Report:** Nichole Beruit and Jigna Trivedi

- Box Tops \$1100!
- Book Fair \$2900
- Holiday Store \$700
- Parents' Night \$18418!
- School Store doing great
- Outside play scape all paid up
- All teachers' grants will be passed

**Principal's Report:**

- Feb 2nd band/strings group performance
- K registration February 22nd
- Big Read coming up! Kick off March 2nd (same day as Celebration of Reading)
- We are doing well! Kids growing and learning.

**Parent Council Representative: Alicia DeSanti and Rachel Olivera**

- January 27th - Stepney winter carnival
- March 17th - Stepney Parents Night Out
- February 10th -Project Warmth -
- February 20th - reception for new Superintendent
- Budget increase approved by BOE

- Saturday conversation with Superintendent
- New district website over the summer
- Masuk Fashion Show - March 7th
- Next Meeting is February 7th

### **1st VP: Coral Wasserman and Stephanie Batch**

No updates

### **December Events Recap**

- Holiday Breakfast
- Used Signup Genius that worked very well but still needed volunteers
- Maybe volunteer list goes out first
- Couldn't fill kitchen this year
- A bit challenging to get the volunteers we needed but it was an awesome event!
- Buying tickets online was awesome with PTO members first
- Survey Monkey on Holiday Breakfast experience: 74 responses
  - Experience overwhelmingly excellent
  - Most people liked assigned table seating but next year maybe ask about seating when purchasing tickets. It got out of control rather quickly. Some families did not coordinate seating first.
  - 4 Seatings: Eliminate 7:15 and add 11:15? Majority said yes.
  - Hash browns or tater tots? Tie! or didn't care
  - Biscuits or bagel? Biscuits but many didn't care
  - Toppings bar for pancakes - lots of info.
  - Rate experience: Majority said excellent
  - Holiday store: Overall everyone loves it! - hardest one to staff though
  - Some people were not so happy with the pictures
  - Mailbox for letters to Santa next year?
  - Suggestions - many funny, most positive, all love the tradition
  - Maybe have a list of ingredients and types of food for everyone to see before the event
  - Total attendees for all 4 seatings 225, 225, 225, 80 at first, then moved some seating around to get a total of 720

- Factor in volunteers for food next year
- Mike did an analysis of food for next year.
- Selling leftover food was key!!

### January Events:

- Teacher Mini Grants
  - Many mini grants!
  - Budget is 4000 but we will increase to 4600 as we got one more than planned
  - Looked at grants and looked at other vendors for discounts
    - Second grade was discounted and was able to save and get more books
  - Art - 2 grants - table top easels to go outside, plus pastels and paper
  - Special Education teacher - Kindergarten materials
  - Fifth grade teacher - Literacy Lab with Flocabulary
  - Fourth Grade teacher - Flexible seating materials
  - Band teacher - Instrument repair kit
  - Speech teacher - social problem solving materials
  - Special Education teacher - Sensory tools for students with needs
  - Second Grade Teacher - 2 Chromebooks
  - Kindergarten Teachers - Flexible seating materials
  - Reading Teacher - interactive word work fun
  - Total comes to \$4577.05
  - **Budget to vote for grants PASSED unanimously!!!**
  - Have Becky initial the grants as well so she can see what is being asked.
  
- School Store - recap
  - Blankets we get we pay \$4.10 and sell for \$5.00 but use Kohl's Cash to buy lotions
  - About \$200 lower this year compared to last year
  - Still some reimbursements to be given
  - Will still do paper reminders
  - Need someone to run school store next year as well as volunteers!

### **Kindergarten Information (Feb.) -**

- Don't think we need PTO volunteers

### **Book Fair:**

- Last week of March, looking for volunteers
- Reach out to Jen Connolly

### **Movie Night:**

- **Friday, February 23rd!**
- Will need volunteers
- Get it set up on Webstore

### **Father-Daughter/Mother Son**

- Around Mother's Day - bowling for Mother/Son or Sports Center
- Maybe May 11th? Mother/Son
- Father/Daughter - Sports Center either in March or May
  - Need to have food this year, last year they closed the snack bar
- Some people wanted Father/Son or Mother/Daughter but we need bodies to run it

### **Bingo Night**

- Friday, March 23rd?
- Problematic because lots of people
- Proposing 2 nights or 2 sittings in one night
- Or use gym and all purpose room?
- Is there enough parking?
- Any night from here on in, we will have a custodial expense

### **New Business**

- **School Supplies From Vendor?**
  - School Kidz - Can do kits for each grade but has to be same kit for grade level
  - Quote - \$ 22-\$27
  - Really need to talk to teachers to see if this is something they want to do
- **Board Positions:**
  - Vote usually happens in April

- Backup to allow new allow pointed people to shadow the other position
- There will be many open positions we need to fill, shadowing will help transitions
- **Picnic (date and coordinator)**
  - Need a committee to have it will organized
  - 50th anniversary - try to do something bigger
  - Maybe Friday or a Saturday?
  - Saturday may be tough because of sports
  - But Friday can someone take the day off to set up, etc.
  - Send out a survey about volunteering and what day is better
  - But Saturday may get more volunteers
  - Date is currently in Saturday, June 9th
  - Need to find a chairperson and do a survey
  - School Messenger can go out to look for a chairperson as well as on FB
  - Idea was brought up to try to recognize PTA presidents and volunteers for their service

**Meeting dates:**

**Upcoming meetings 2/8/18**