

Conestoga Elementary Meeting Minutes December 2016

In Attendance: Bonnie Martin, Emily Noll, Abby Groff, Brenda Derr, Alicia Ressler, Shannon Brittain, Linda Kibideau, Heather Gallagher, Valerie Hobach, Debbie Adams, Dee Greenawalt, Jenny Roberts, Mrs. Ochs, Mrs. Baker

- I. **Approval of Minutes-** Minutes were reviewed and approved
- II. **Treasurer's Report-** Copy of budget is available. Expenditures and income are noted. There was a \$20.00 donation to the Recess Running Club that will be used for a popcorn treat that was purchased. Information reviewed and approved.
- III. **Student/Family Activities-**
 - a. **Teacher Conference Meal-**Bobbie Sue Heistand is not present, but it was a success and there were plenty of leftovers.
 - b. **Recess Running Club-**Marticville 5th and 6th grade students had a successful season. The kids were excited to run for turkey donations. The laps accumulated was the equivalent of running (74) 5K's! Seven \$10 gift cards were donated to the Penn Manor Family Fund to purchase Thanksgiving turkeys for PM families in need. Five gift cards were earned by the students and 2 were given by Mr. Schettler.
 - c. **Year Book-** Bonnie Martin- Cover was submitted. It is a custom cover picturing the 3 schools, kindergarten and 6th grade. Life Touch CD's have not yet been received for individual pictures.
 - d. **Santa Shop-** Ready to go for 12/2/16 evening event. \$100 budget has been spent. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by West Willow fire truck at 7 pm. Vendors will be cash only. The committee is requesting a water cooler for future events instead of borrowing one. The Executive Board will discuss the request over the summer at the budget meeting to determine if there is a need for a cooler that will only be used one time each year. There are time slots available for wreath making. The greens are cut and ready for the event. Beth Horst has her kids to help set up and also has help for the craft table.
 - e. **Movie Night-** license fee is over \$100. Movie has not been selected, but Finding Dorie, Storks, and Zootopia were discussed as possibilities. This will be finalized at the January meeting.
- IV. **Fundraising-**
 - a. **Sub Sale-** Profit- \$3,378.25. There was a \$30 donation also received. 830 subs and 487 pretzel sandwiches were sold resulting in a 46% profit from R&K Subs.
 - b. **Spring fundraiser ideas revisited-** another sub sale will not earn enough profit to meet the required budget. Discount Cards by Calloway Cards was discussed. We would commit to the sale of the cards and we could provide a list of businesses we would want to have but no guarantee of any of those businesses agreeing to participate. Also discussed making our own cards, but we would need a lawyer to determine if this is possible. This will be researched. Pat from Wolfgang is in transition with her move to Gertrude Hawk. We will obtain more information in regards to a candy sale in March for Easter delivery in April. A Dance A Thon is not possible this year due to the kids being at 3 different schools. Scrip Fundraising is a gift card program done at Marticville Middle school. A variety of gift cards are offered for sale with the school receiving a percentage of the sales. This would be a good option for Christmas time.
 - c. **January Dinner Night or spirit wear sale-** Will contact Jakes Wayback Burgers and Tropical Smoothie for details.

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- V. **Teacher's Report-** Mrs. Ochs-teachers very appreciative of the meal for conference night. So nice to have a meal available during their break. It is a long day and long evening. Conferences went well. All parents were on time and went to the correct location. It worked well to hold all conferences at Pequea. Also, Martic Elementary has been very gracious to 3rd and 4th grade and the kids love the playground!
- VI. **Principal's Report-**Mrs. Baker- Grant was received from the PM Education Fund. The cost of the park and pavilion is covered for the end of year event. Transportation was not covered. Conestoga received a total of four grants. Mrs. Baird received a grant for new books. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Zurn received a grant for books to take home. Mrs. Eckrote received a grant for a traveling trunk outreach.
- VII. **Miscellaneous-** Teacher Christmas gifts from PTO in the past years have been poinsettia. Last year a donation was made to the library. This year a donation will be made to the Penn Manor Family Fund instead of teacher's gifts. Students made beautiful cards with artwork and inspiring quotes were made by the students during Flex period. The cards have been sent overseas.

Next meeting date- January 5, 2017 at 6:45 pm at Pequea Elementary School.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Dee Greenawalt, Secretary, Conestoga PTO