

Conestoga PTO Minutes  
October 11, 2018

Call to Order- The PTO meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by PTO President Abby Groff.

Present- Abby Groff, Emily Noll, Alicia Ressler, Brandy Derr, Bonnie Martin, Bobbie Sue Heistand, Maribeth Zurn, Neelu Ayilavarapu, Jenny Roberts, Debbie Adams and Mrs. Baker.

**I. Approval of Minutes-Brandy Derr**

Approval of September minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Bonnie Martin and seconded by Bobbie Sue Heistand.

**II. Treasurer's Report-Alicia Ressler**

Expenses included Hospitality/Teacher Breakfast \$118.93, Playground check voided, new check written (\$83.73), Principal fund supplies \$83.85, and Book Fund \$86.09

Total Expenses \$205.14.

Checking Account Balance \$11,133.38

Money Market Balance \$31,317.08

**III. Student/Family Activities**

- a. Recess Running-Abby Groff. A lot of students are participating probably because of the playground being unable to be used from the sinkhole. One day will be added to the end of the dates to makeup for the inside recess today due to the rain. The extra day will help kids reach their 25 laps and earn their toe token. Due to the warm weather, IU-13 students have not participated with recess running as much as they wanted to. Shawna Showalter may chair recess running in the spring.
- b. Pumpkin Decorating Contest-Colleen Reynolds. Thursday, October 25th and 26th kids can drop off their pumpkins. Fliers with information will go home with the students. Students will vote for their top 2 choices over lunch. Winners will be announced at Game Night.
- c. Game Night-Debbie Adams. Date of event is October 26th from 6:30 to 8:30. Flier going out this Monday. There will be many raffles including four \$35 gift cards to Going Bananas, Choo Choo Barn, Science Factory, and Laser Dome. Prize Games will receive Pine View, The Wagon gift cards or Tropical Smoothy Buy One Get One cards. Winners must be present for the raffle tickets and will be called at 8pm. Snacks and drinks will be available to purchase.
- d. Book Fair-Abby Groff. The book fair will run Tuesday, November 6, from 9am-3pm, Wednesday November 7, from 9am-7pm and Thursday November 8, from 9am-3pm. Posters will go up soon. Profits from the Book Fair were discussed and agreed to be given to the school library.
- e. Yearbook-Bonnie Martin. Same Yearbook Company Interstate, but a different yearbook computer program this year. The yearbook may have less photos due to the new layouts.
- f. Conestoga Diggers-Abby Groff. Beth Horst is no longer the chair. Currently looking for a point person between the Edible Classroom and PTO. The Edible Classroom will help plan, prepare and teach teachers and classes. We need parent helpers with the care and keeping the garden. Conestoga received a \$680 Grant from the Edible Classroom. So far 2 lessons in each classroom have occurred. Goal to manage the composting and have Edible Classroom help with spring. Goal to divide Garden jobs to make it manageable. For example, fourth grade manages composting and first and second grades are in charge of watering the garden. The students have been able to explore the garden during recess looking for caterpillars. Mrs. Zurn recently took her students out to look at the pumpkins because they are studying pumpkins.
- g. Santa Shop-Maribeth Zurn/Sara Ranchor. Date of Event December 7, 2018 from 6-8pm. Currently there are 6 Vendors for the event. Vendor cost is \$15 made out to the Conestoga PTO.

Deadline to be a vendor in the event is November 7. All items need to be \$10 or less. A student from the High School will be in costume. The hope is to have different items for sale, however it is first come, first served. Looking into ideas and projects from the Garden.

- h. Hospitality-Parent/Teacher Conferences-Bobbie Sue Heistand. Bus driver appreciation week will provide an item for the 10 bus drivers. Hospitality will provide a buffet meal for teachers during their parent teacher conferences.

Patty Aungst will chair Teacher Appreciation in May.

- i. Cash boxes-Please let Alicia know ONE week in advance of event
- j. Please send home ALL fliers to Mrs. King's class-7 Students.

#### **IV. Fundraising**

- a. Fall Sub Sale-Shannon Brittain. Forms will go home on Monday. Selling between October 15-31st. Subs will be delivered to the Conestoga Volunteer Fire Company on Wednesday, November 14th from 3-6pm. Directions on where to park at the fire company will be listed on the forms as to not block the fire trucks. The Board President is waiving the \$75 fee to use the room. Discussion to give the fire company either a monetary donation was discussed because they also bring Santa to the Santa shop in December.

Goal for the sub sale is for each student to sell 6 subs to reach the \$4000 profit goal.

Top 2 winners will receive a \$25 gift card to Target.

Spring dates for Gertrude Hawk will be discussed at the next PTO meeting.

- b. Boxtops-Brandy Derr. Deadline October 18th. May need help counting Box Tops. They need to be bundled in 50 packs. They can not be expired and the code in the corner needs to be able to be seen.
- c. Grocery Store Rewards. Giant and Stauffers have been successfully signed up. Wegman's does not have a shopping rewards program.

#### **V. Old Business/New Business**

- a. Committee Chairs have received their list of volunteers. They need to or may have already contacted their volunteers.
- b. Swings/Soccer Net. Possibility of new swings if we meet with the Director of Grounds and the Conestoga Supervisors. There was been a constant line of students waiting to use the swings. Looking into the possibility of extending the swings. Soccer net-Mrs. Baker will look at tomorrow to figure out if they can be rehung or if they need replacing. Will discuss with Dr. Janseen. If they were replaced they may cost \$50-\$100 per net.
- c. Superintendent Meeting- Students currently in 8th and 9th grade will be in the high school throughout the renovations. The 6th grade students will be in the high school at the end of the renovation. Discussion for the next two calendar years are being discussed due to the renovations. 2019 school year will start in August and end in May. The 2020 school year will begin after Labor Day, possibly the 7th or 8th. This January the information will be ready on start and stop dates due to the renovations.

Next PTO Meeting Charlie Ressingler will be present to discuss the 1X1 computers with students. With the permission slip, students may have computers home as early as November 19th.

- d. Bus Driver Appreciation-October 22-26th
  - Monday-Bobbie Sue from Hospitality will provide a small gift
  - Wednesday-Mrs. Baker will provide a coffee card
  - Friday-Abby Groff, President, will provide a small giftPossibility of window markers on the school building to excite the Bus Drivers and Students.

#### **VI. Teacher's Report-Maribeth Zurn**

Working on field trips. First Grade will go to Living Good Farm in the Spring. 6th Grade just went on their field trip to the North Museum and Lancaster Science Factory. Third Grade will go on their field trip next week.

Monday students will receive their parent appointment times for their parent teacher conference.

**VII. Principle Report-Mrs. Baker**

The hole is fixed in the playground. It was a drainage issue that they are keeping an eye on. The caution tape will be coming down tomorrow and students will be able to access the playground.

Conestoga received a \$680 Grant from the Edible Classroom for services. Charlie Ressingler will talk for approximately 20 minutes at the next PTO meeting.

Next PTO Meeting Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm by PTO President Abby Groff.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Bonnie Martin, Co-Secretary, Conestoga PTO.



