

**Maple Ridge Parent/Teacher Organization**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

*Officers attending:* Heather Drake, Jennifer Stewart, Jennifer Reef, Leah Grobey, Lindsey Lawrence, Kristi Scherer, Reagan Goss, Chastity Despain

*General Attendance:* 21 adults

Heather opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**GUEST SPEAKER (Ryan Cox, Media and E-Learning Specialist)**

- What's changed with library?
  - MRE still has a library! Moved to STEM related activities. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade visit the library and Mrs. Goss's classroom. It's optional for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade optional to get book(s) in library. Generally, most 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders check out books.
- What are students doing?
  - Young Hoosier Books – books of authors nominated through state. Students read book and do STEM activity based off the literature.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade currently making their own video games and creating stories around that.
- How's library going to be used?
  - Concept is to minimize time wandering in library.
  - Students will go to Mrs. Goss's class to read and be on computers.
- Will SRC requirements remain the same this year?
  - SRC requirements are teacher driven, not library driven.
- What is Book Battle
  - Students will form teams to read Young Hoosier Books throughout year. Jeopardy style games will take place to have teams battle until there is a winner. Commercial clip explaining the program in detail is available thru this link: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bd0mYOkws\\_Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bd0mYOkws_Q)

**TEACHER TALK (Lisa Barkdull, Special Education Teacher)**

- Ridge Readers currently looking for ideas to expand program awareness, activities and prizes
  - Approximately 150-200 kids that made it to 3000 minutes last year
- Ridge Readers Committee
  - Lindsey to reach out to 5-10 potential volunteers to form committee
  - Ideas discussed included: bulletin board help, pie in face, gummy worm goodie bags, coupons, etc

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (HEATHER DRAKE)**

- **Calendar of Events** – Looking to add a skating party in November 2017. Date TBD
- **Bylaws** – Current
- **Fundraising Coupon Book Members** - voted to pass on fundraising opportunity at this time. Will revisit once our goal for fundraising is determined.
- **Second Round of Spirit Wear** – Members voted to have another spirit wear order prior to Christmas break. Dates TBD

## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (JENNIFER STEWART)**

- **Website Analytics** – From September 1 – 12, 2017
  - 46 different users accessed website
  - 148 different page views
  - Average time on site: 3 minutes (this is good)
- **Morning with Mom Photos** – All pictures will be uploaded on website and Facebook page

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT (JENNIFER REEF)**

- **Last Month's Meeting Minutes** – Approved as corrected
  - Correction – Beginning Band dates will NOT be added to the PTO calendar as we are unable to sync any calendar changes made on their behalf.
  - Meeting Minutes are now posted on the website.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT (LEAH GROBEY)**

- **Financial Report**
  - Ending Balance as of August 31st - \$25,194.61
- **Spirit Wear**
  - Profit: \$823
- We're staying within our budget and doing well financially at this time.
- For a detailed copy of the Treasurer's Report, contact Leah Grobey.

## **GOODWILL COORDINATORS' REPORT (REAGAN GOSS and CHASITY DESPAIN)**

- **Teacher Meals** (Chasity)
  - 9 week meal (10/6) – Hoping to cater in Hucks Pizza or Olive Garden.
  - Parent Teacher Conference Meal (10/26) – Will start reaching out to volunteers for food donations. Any food theme suggestions should be emailed to the PTO.
- **Box Tops** (Chasity)
  - Each box top is worth 10 cents.
  - Activity sheets have been sent home with your child to collect as many as possible.
  - Classes that collect the most each time will receive an award.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> contest will end October 31st.
  - The goal for the year is to raise \$1000.
  - There is also an app that can be downloaded and used when scanning your receipt at participating merchants.
- **Scholastic Book Fair / Birthday Books** (Reagan)
  - Book Fair is week of 9/18 and Grandparents Night is on 9/21.
  - Volunteers are in place and ready to make this event a success!

## **VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS REPORT (LINDSEY LAWRENCE)**

- **Volunteers**
  - We are overwhelmed (in a good way) with the amount of volunteer forms we have received!
  - Currently have 111 Volunteers in our database.
  - We are still looking for Classroom Ambassadors to be the liaison between the teacher and the PTO. If interested please email the PTO.

## **DONATIONS COORDINATOR (KRSITY SCHERER)**

- **Donations received** since last meeting
  - Hucks-Box of Creamer, 10 bags of Hostess Chocolate Donnette's, and 5 dozen donuts.
  - Needler's Fresh Market aka Marks-25 dozen donuts
  - Apple Barn-8 gallons of Apple Cider
  - Ricker's-300 coffee cups
  - McDonald's-100 cups for coffee, 14 bags of coffee (serving size 100)
  - Kroger on Olio-4 gallons of white milk, 6 gallons of chocolate milk, and 4 gallons of orange juice.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (John Lord)**

- Homecoming week starts Monday, September 25. MRE will ride in float during parade on Friday, September 29.
- 46% of 6<sup>th</sup> graders are in band
- 83 children will be going to McDonalds in a limo for selling required amount during cookie dough fundraiser
- ISTEP results available online
- Expanding free little libraries to Ingalls
- Cookie Dough pick up 9/26 (3-6 pm)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m. The next meeting of the PTO will be on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm.