

PTA Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2016  
6:30 PM  
Prairie Library

- I. Introductions: Tera N. called the meeting to order at 6:33.
- II. School/District Business
  - A. Principal's Report: Mr. Griffin:
    - School Report Cards: State school report cards were released. Prairie received a grade of Meets Expectations. 14 schools in Waukesha exceeded expectations. Prairie wants to be on that list in the near future. Mr. Griffin wants to focus on the growth of all students regardless of their level when they arrive at Prairie.
    - Lunch: Winter procedures, garbage, recess issues: Snowy weather means hats, coats, etc. If kids do not have snow pants, they can't go in the snow. Additionally, kids must wear their coats outside. There has been an emphasis on no throwing of snow. There was a discussion of the issues regarding the situation at lunch time with students in the hallway waiting for access to the lunch room.
    - After School Club request-updates: Principal Griffin wants to start after school clubs; however, he wants to ensure that all students will be able to access the clubs. There is an issue regarding transportation home for children following the completion of activities. After school activities could include tutoring as well as clubs such as chess club, robotics, etc. This is an ongoing process.
    - Battle of the Books-update: This is an activity for the gifted and talented program. There was a discussion regarding the gifted & talented program because no one was familiar with it. The gifted and talented program is to be re-launched at Prairie. Gifted and talented students will be identified based on MAP scores and teacher observations. There will still be an attempt to focus on personalized learning for all students. However, additional programming will be available for students identified as gifted and talented.
    - Other Questions/Discussion: Discussion of the "classics challenge" for fourth grade reading.
  - B. Superintendent's Council Report: Carrie D. reported on the meeting she attended November 28. Her request for a discussion of the Election Day security measures to be included on the agenda was not granted. There may be potential revisions to the school calendar for 2017-2018. Waukesha has applied for a waiver to start the school year before September 1. Additionally, three early release days may be added to the calendar. Early release days would coincide with the trimester schedule so teachers can enter grades. Early release days would reduce the overall number of academic minutes for the school year. High school graduation times may be staggered to 10, 12, and 2. The

district's grade as a whole went up by 1 point on the state report cards. The next meeting is February.

- C. Curriculum Council Report: Clare T.: There was no meeting to report on.
- D. Special Education Round Table Report: Kristi D.: No report.

### III. PTA Business Operations

A. Monthly Budget Report: Andy R.: A check from Shoparoo was received in November for \$501. Marcus movie ticket sales produced \$1,021.50 in total profit. This exceeded the planned budget. \$160 dollars was spent on literacy night. Book fair money was received as scholastic dollars.

- Special Allocation Request for Waukesha One team shirts (Q44): Mr. Griffin requested PTA contribute to the production of t-shirts for 44 staff members to wear to the district-wide conference on January 23. This is a teacher-led conference demonstrating how iPads are being used in classrooms. Megan Z. moved to approve a special allocation not to exceed \$500. Cathi K. seconded. The motion passed.
- There was a discussion regarding a request for donations of extra clothes for students to change into in case they get wet outside. Mr. Griffin expressed concern over the potential liability of using donated clothes. He will look into the issue.
- Teacher's Lounge Staff Proposal-Any takers? Looking for someone to manage the teacher lounge store which would offer snacks for sale to raise money for PTA. Anyone interested in leading this effort should contact Tera N.

B. Minutes-Vote to Approve November 2016: Tabled until December's meeting.

C. Questions/Comments

### IV. Month in Review

A. Friday Night PTA Meeting: Discussion on whether or not Friday is a good night for PTA meetings. Two more Friday dates are on the schedule.

B. Movie Night: Movie night was held in conjunction with the PTA meeting.

C. Art Night: Event was well attended. 85 adults and 167 kids utilized the Kohl's Color Wheels booth. There were ornaments available for decorating, pictures with Santa, and cookie decorating. There was a request to have people type in email addresses for photos to alleviate problems with the illegible handwriting. PTA made \$147 in concessions which more than paid for the supplies that were purchased for this year's event.

- D. Marcus Movie Tickets: \$6,810 in total sales. \$1,021.50 in profit. 10 people sold over \$300 each. 689 total tickets or gift cards were sold. Cathi K. is still waiting for some people to pick up their tickets.

V. Upcoming PTA Event & Program Discussion

- A. Playground: No updates
- B. Game/Bingo Night: Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: Held in conjunction with the next PTA meeting.
- C. Art & Talent Showcase: The showcase will be held Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms with song selections/lyrics/scripts for approval are due Friday, January 6. Dress rehearsal is Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Art pieces are due Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a digital entries category for a 30 second commercial advertising Prairie. Details and dates will be available on the registration form.
- D. Next Meeting: **Friday** 1/13
- E. Questions/Comments: Reminder to check Infinite Campus for report cards.

VI. Paw Points for Parents Drawing (Need not be present to win): Kirsten was the winner.

Tera N. adjourned the meeting 7:34.

Submitted by Clare Treichel.