

Parents Club Meeting November 1st 2007

Crossgates' School Sign- Has been delivered downtown and we are waiting for it to be installed.

Book Fair- Sold \$4000.00 and had a profit of \$1200.00, vouchers from the program will double the profit. Teachers want new State Books for the library and will cost approximately \$1200.00.

Big Yummy- Arrivers today and small orders will be sent home, large orders need to be picked up.

Hero's Night- Cancelled for good. Melanie called to see if they could lower the price. Hero's said previously then didn't need a specific number of students before the school received money, now they need 20 kids.

Chucky Cheese- received \$144.00 from last play night. Next time is Tues. December 4th.

Scholarship Review Committee- needs people to go over the way the scholarship is broken up for evaluation. Currently, a lot more weight goes to references. Needs to be worked on soon, because applications will be sent to Bowsher near Spring Break.

Market Day- The school earned \$255.00 and was used to buy books from the book fair for the library. One for the books also

Teacher Appreciation Updates- Melanie did Hershey bars for Halloween. It would be nice to provide teachers with a lunch or snacks during Parent Teacher Conferences. Maybe donuts, bagels, or Muffins.

Box Tops- Total so far this year is \$631.90.

Board of Elections- Teachers endorse Jack Fork and Lisa Sobecki. The union also supports them. It has been five years since the teachers have received a raise.

Holiday Shop- Takes place the first or second week of December and no one is yet in charge. New companies sent a catalog and they are all either expensive or contain cheap products. Currently the club goes to the dollar store and then charge either a \$1.50 or \$.50. It has been lots of fun. There is a new company with a dollar program but we haven't received a catalog from them yet. If we do go with this company they won't let you buy from any other company.

Blood Drive- Blood drive is next week.

Questions from parents who attended meeting:

- 1. How does the Parents Club decide how to spend the money?** It depends on how the money is raised. An example of this is the book fair, the persons in charge were able to decide how the money is spent. Each fundraiser is usually dedicated to an event or the money goes into the general fund.
- 2. Who is keeping track of the spending?** Tony Comes keeps track of this and has a monthly expenditure report. He is absent from this meeting for family reasons.
- 3. What are we doing with the surplus of money we have?** We have money left after paying for the school sign. An idea is a wish list for teachers. Our account needs to have less than \$1000.00 balance at the end of the year or we have to give a reason for the surplus. The last couple of years the Parents Club has been saving for the school sign.
- 4. What about Smart Boards for teachers?** Smart Boards are to replace overhead projectors in classrooms and you are able to write on the screen. It is run by a computer and information can be saved to a disc for homework. Price \$1,200 per board.
- 5. How can we afford this?** Per Mr. D. the school receives \$5.00 per student per year x 5 years is equal to \$30.00
- 6. What about TV's for the teachers rooms?** Per Mr. D. the televisions have been provided by the Parents Club in the past. Toledo Public Schools will not pay for these items, they will tell the school to use the five dollars per student. The new schools have Smart Boards and digital cable to the need to supply schools with TV's isn't there. The old TV's are auctioned or sold to the public but not given to other schools to use.
- 7. Can Cross gate's become accredited?** Certain criteria needs to be met to become accredited, and testing needs to be done. It is very difficult to do.
- 8. Is accreditation recognized by the state ?** Mr. D. hasn't heard of this but will check into it. Arlington school states that it is accredited. This is probably used as a tool to draw people into the schools system. It could be difficult and cost a lot of money. Parents are more worried about sending their children to the public junior high and high school.
- 9. What can be done about the crowded lunches?** Some of the children only have 10 minutes to eat or they are still in line. Second lunch needs more volunteers , some of the kids are unable to count money. Maybe start a new system of the teachers collecting the money and sending down a slip in the morning. Also on the slips circle the whole name, not the number. Any new ideas are welcome.

Mr. D's notes

- 1. Friday, November 16th** children from Mrs. Dettinger's band class will hear members of the Ohio State University band play at Byrnedale.
- 2. Honor Roll/Principle's List Luncheon-** November 19th before Fall Break and he needs parental volunteers to help out.
- 3. Ed-u-rama-** Mrs. Barway from another PTO put thing together from the parents club to showcase the schools. Invitations were sent out to the neighborhood. It will be from 9-3 this Saturday.