

**Pinchbeck Elementary School
PTA Board Meeting
November 19, 2009**

Present:

Jennifer Barnett
Karen Beebe
Jeannie Drummond
Kirk Eggleston
Jennifer Emory
Liz Farber
Paul Fincke

Liesel Geiger
Cara Genovesi
Amy Gregory
Jessica Haddad
Jennifer Haueis
Marie Hess
Heidi Jadowski

Marie Ramkey
Alicia Shelton
Louise Stephens
Michelle West
Kelly Whitley
Petra Zerbst

Opening: The regular meeting of the Pinchbeck Elementary School PTA Board was held on November 19, 2009, in the Pinchbeck library. Liesel Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes: Liz Farber moved that the minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting be approved. Marie Ramkey seconded. The minutes from the October 15, 2009 meeting stand approved.

Officer's Reports:

President-Elect - Liz Farber reported the Running Club celebration will be this Saturday at Godwin at 10am. Liz reported that she, Liesel Geiger and Heidi Jadowski met with Shannon Donovan, the ESL teacher. They discussed ways to reach out to the ESL community. They mentioned having a Principal's dinner with the ESL families, including translators and PTA members. The website now has a button available to translate the site into Spanish. An international picnic is tentatively planned for May 11

Vice-President - Kelly Whitley reported the Winter Dance is scheduled for December 4th, from 7pm to 8:30pm. She needs help with set up and decoration. Mr. Seccia will DJ, there will be refreshments, a craft table, photo opportunity and Christmas Mother collection. The theme is "Winter Wonderland".

Corresponding Secretary - Liesel Geiger reported for Su Anne Blair. Thanks to all who helped with goodies for the bus drivers. She also presented the school psychologist with a gift bag.

Committee Reports:

Book Club - There will be a screening of Fantastic Mr. Fox on Saturday, December 12, at 9am and Regal Short Pump.

Book Fair - Jennifer Barnett that the library made a cash profit of \$1024. Scholastic reduced the percent donated to school from 30% to 25%. Ms. Ruffa received \$200 worth of books for the library.

Community Service - Michelle West reported the response to Blue Star families was great. There will be a follow up with this group in the spring. Collection for Christmas Mother will begin on November 23 and December 4. They will be collecting items for the food pantry, board books and baseball caps.

Electronic Newsletter - see written reports. Heidi Jadowski reported in January she will be making changes to the weekly news. She is trying to cut down on long articles and push traffic to the website. She is testing an online sign up form for the Winter Dance. The on line

registrations will automatically populate a spreadsheet. This functionality can eventually be used by other committees.

Hospitality – Jennifer Emory requested mums or pumpkins to decorate for the Turkey Trot.

Recycling – Cara Genovesi reported that paper pick up is going well. There will be a contest three Fridays in December. They will be weighing the paper from each class. The class that collects the most paper will get a pizza party and the grade level with the most will receive an extra 15 minutes of recess.

Room Parents – Jennifer Hauéis and Louise Stephens reported that meetings were held with Grade Level Coordinators and all room parents to plan winter party. The teacher luncheon for the first grading period went well and was much appreciated. Thanks to the 4th and 5th grade.

Ways and Means – Liesel Geiger reported for Becky Myers. There will be a Talent Show in March. It will be called Pinchbeck’s Got Talent. She is working with Ms. Franklin to make arrangements to use Pemberton auditorium.

Yearbook – Sent out flyer for yearbook orders. Online ordering is very easy.

Principal’s Report: Presented by Mr. Eggleston:

- H1N1 vaccine was held today, November 19th. There is no information on the second round of vaccines.
- Turkey Trot will be held November 25th. The course is a half mile. K-2 will run the course once; grade 3-5 will run twice.

Housekeeping:

- Electronic Flyers – Liesel Geiger reported the PTA will be sending out electronic flyers separate from the weekly newsletter. This will be done when an item or event needs special attention.
- Destination Imagination – Pinchbeck will be participating in Destination Imagination this year. There is a third grade team and fifth grade team. Two volunteer judges are needed for the event. .

Announcements:

- *Nov 20 Running Club ends*
- *Nov 21 Running Club at Godwin H.S. 10:00am*
- *Nov 23 Recognition Assemblies*
- *Nov 24 Report cards home*
- *Nov 25 Half Day*
- *Nov 25 Turkey Trot*
 - *K-2 8:15-9:15am*
 - *3-5 9:15-10:15am*
- *Nov 25 Spirit Wear orders due*
- *Nov 26-30 Thanksgiving Holiday*
- *Dec 4 “Winter Wonderland” Father-Daughter-Mother-Son Dance 7-8:30pm*
- *Dec 10 3rd Grade Holiday Performance 10:00am and 7:00pm*
- *Dec 15 Spirit Night at Chik Fil-A 5-7:30pm*
- *Dec 18 Sing & Ring and Winter Parties*
- *Dec 19-Jan 4 Winter Break*
- *Jan 14 Spirit Night at Qdoba 5-7pm*
- *Jan 18 School holiday*
- *Jan 21 Board meeting 5:45pm, Library*

- Jan 21 General meeting and Fitness Night 7:00pm

Electronic Newsletter Report:

- 489 contacts currently receive the newsletter. This includes faculty and staff as well as families.
- We have signed up an additional 94 families for whom we had an email address, but who had not originally signed up for the newsletter.
- We estimate approximately 74 families are not receiving the electronic newsletter.

Spirit Wear

- Spirit Wear orders are due November 25th and will be delivered before Winter Break.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Marie Hess

The minutes were: ___ approved as submitted

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