

NORTH FT. MYERS ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS
PTO Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018

- **Chrissy Anderson (PTO President) called meeting to order at 7:34am.**
- **Chrissy Anderson motioned to review/approve January meeting minutes; Jessica Pemberton (PTO Vice President) seconds. Minutes approved unanimously.**
- **Brief discussion of By-laws and voting for Officers and Budget; decision made to continue to hold April/May elections, as opposed to mid school year in December. By-laws to be posted on Facebook.**
 - This will allow for further advertising for currently open Board Positions of Treasurer and Secretary.
 - Mary Blackmon (Assistant Principal) mentioned the possibility of hosting a “Meet and Greet” for incoming parents with Dr. Millins; PTO can have a presence there to raise awareness and interest, as well as to promote Board nominations.
- **Treasurer’s Report:**
 - Current mini-grant budget (\$3500) almost reached; Jessica Pemberton motions to increase yearly budget to \$4500, Kieran MacCarthy seconds. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Kieran asked for further details on \$1000 grant to 4/5 grades for in school field trip, as that is substantially more than a typical grant amount (usually maxed at \$150).
 - Chrissy not sure about fundraising efforts to supplement this event, but mentioned that it is covering two full grades of kids at @\$10/student.
- **Old Business:**
 - **Box Tops:**
 - Wendy Kizewski (Box Tops Committee) gave a brief recap of the awesome Box Tops efforts.
 - Just concluded a big drive; 25 Box Tops = dress down day.
 - 134 students earned bracelets; two top teachers had @245 per class.
 - 7000 Box Tops so far to be sent in for this clipping period!!
 - **Uniform Room:**
 - Volunteers always needed; need to have supervision in room during exchanges to avoid ongoing thefts.
 - Kieran MacCarthy to create a sign-up sheet for front office to utilize for parental exchanges; we can contact and coordinate coverage.
 - Jessica Pemberton (our new Facebook wizard) can also post info on Facebook for this.
 - Definitely need a key to the laundry room that works!
 - Jennifer Kerry-Holler and Shannon DiMurro both offered to help with this.
 - Reminder that we can always use lunch boxes, belts, shoes and socks.
 - **Fall Fundraiser:**
 - Finally ready to close out; having the hurricane in the middle of it caused some problems and delays.
 - Shout out to Chrissy for massive effort in dealing with outstanding problems and issues.
 - On the positive side, we turned a really good profit, and had an engaged and responsive vendor.
 - Biggest issue was distribution; looking to split frozen and product shipments, and have a rep on site.
 - Open to new vendors if anyone has any suggestions/contacts; would like to secure by next month.
 - Pig races a success; monkey party not so much. Other ideas for incentives – “principal” lunch or party, lunch ice cream for participants.
 - **Dr. Seuss Week:**
 - Happening this week; flyers went out last week with list of events.
 - Julee Dutko (Assistant Principal) coordinating; need volunteers for Friday events (7:50-11:30am).
 - All elementary students to participate and receive a Seuss pencil, cost @\$200. Mustaches given out today.
 - Chrissy Anderson motions for PTO to cover this cost; Kieran MacCarthy seconds. Motion passed unanimously.
- **New Business:**
 - **2-4-6 Read-a-Thon:**
 - Students get 6 or more sponsors to pledge \$\$ for time spent reading; last year brought in @\$2500, this year shooting for \$3000! Main objective is to encourage and reward student reading.
 - Was hoping to run concurrent with Read Across America; waiting for info/signup sheet to be approved. Need to move kick-off date back, looking at April 2-13 now, with money collected due April 16.
 - Looking for volunteers during event to hold reminder signs at car line.
 - Prizes still tbd, to include “Principal for a Day”, a possible Principal party, dress down day, sno-cones, and/or Kindle Fires.
 - **Teacher Appreciation:**
 - Upcoming events: May Appreciation Week and End of Year Teacher Luncheon (May 29).
 - **Field Day:**
 - No date set as yet; probably one day (elementary in am, middle in afternoon).
 - Getting late to order inflatables, t-shirts, etc. Definitely need a confirmed date asap.
 - **School Safety Issues:**
 - Administration undergoing safety training today; hope to have a parent safety meeting soon.
- **Next month to have two meetings on March 27; 7:00am and 6:00pm.**
- **Jessica Pemberton motioned to adjourn; Jessica Rose seconded.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:39am.**