

## PTA October 21, 2015 Minutes

### ➤ **September Minutes Accepted**

### ➤ **Review of Activities Since Last Meeting**

- Literacy Night-performance reading went well!
- Science Expo-Hagermania-videos and pictures are on the PTA web page
- Popcorn Fridays-good sign up!
- Box Tops – went well! Will be running another contest in December.
- Garrison School Directory is almost complete; it is given to every student who attends GES. It cost \$25.00 for a business to advertise.
- PTA Convention is in November. Renee, Dani and are Janice going.
- At the January 23rd Monarchs Game in Manchester, Emily Piller (the new music teacher) and the Garrison chorus will be singing the national anthem or O' Canada. PTA will need to collect money for this event.

### ➤ **Fundraising**

- Janice Packard thanked Renee McGuire, families and staff. Orders are still coming is so far made \$8,261.00. Do not know how much in donations yet
  - ✓ From the sales Garrison PTA will receive 40% in catalog sales and 30% on local products
- Discussed a new fundraising opportunity; Kid Stuff fundraising coupon books. \$25.00 per book with the PTA making 50% off each book. Not aware of a Dover schools selling these books
  - ✓ It was decided that there will be a table set up at the Holiday Breakfast for the PTA to promote the books. If the PTA gets a good response then in the spring they will look into selling more

### ➤ **Treasurer Report**

- Northeast Passage was added, fieldtrip expenses and income from Popcorn Fridays (\$4,200) though forms are still coming in.
- Received over \$500.00 in membership dues however, the PTA is still lacking in memberships and will be sending sign up forms home

### ➤ **Artist in Residency**

- Will be working with the Children's Museum
- Every class in the school will be involved; large sculptures per grade will be made as well as students making individual sculptures. Sculptures will be revealed at the Spring Arts event. All sculptures will stay at the school
- There is a concern with younger kids using heat guns and parents will be asked to come in and help
- Approved to increase the budget for an addition \$740.00 (\$4,740 total)

### ➤ **Turkey Trot**

- Turkey Trot is the final race of the Dover Race series. It is a 5K race (3.1 miles) you can either run or walk. The race starts at 8:30 am on Thanksgiving. It starts and ends on Shaws Lane. A bottle of wine will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> male and female runner who finishes. As well as turkeys and pies will be given out to the runners. There will be a prize for kids who run or walk the whole race. Stroller riders are not considered as you do not need to pay for the child who is riding in a stroller.
- Registration will end the day of the race. You can register ahead of time online. Paper registration will be emailed to parents
- \$8,150.00 in sponsorships right now; it costs \$5,000 to put the race. Anything above \$5,000.00 is what the PTA receives.
- We are down racers this year, however there is a race this weekend which will help with signup.
- Would like to have 100 Garrison students to participate and have the teachers dress up again.
- Will be offering long sleeve men and women (V-neck) tee shirts. The first 200 participates who sign up will receive a free shirt. Can purchase a shirt for \$15.00.
- Permits are in place and Police are all set, working on insurance piece as there is an additional \$50.00 fee to add the City of Dover
- Working with Fresh picks café to do food at the end of the race. Cider and donates will be offered from Emery Farm.
- We have our very first \$1,000 sponsor-Evo Fit gym!

- November 1<sup>st</sup> flyers and posters will go out. Banner will be hung at school. There will be a public service announcement as well as one through the Chamber
- Will need a lot of volunteers! There will be a sign up genius going out

➤ **Additional Business for updates**

- **Mini-Grants** --successful submissions!
- Forms will be reviewed between Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Anything above \$500 has to be approved through the school board, \$100 to \$500 will need Elaine Arbor's approval
- **PTA Newsletter** – information due by 10/27 to Carrie Vaughn
  - ✓ September newsletter-Best Newsletter! Good Job Carrie! Format good, content crisp to the point!
  - ✓ Was posted on Facebook to get more parents to read it
  - ✓ Would like to do a volunteer section and a thank you section
- **Holiday Breakfast** – December 5<sup>th</sup>
  - ✓ Last year even with the bad weather there were approximately 176 adults and 178 children who attended
  - ✓ Starbucks donating coffee again this year.
    - Ran out of coffee for families who came to the breakfast towards to end of the morning last year. Was decided this year that bags of coffee will be purchased if this happens again.
  - ✓ Going to get price cost for the food from Blue Latitude and Mike from Cartelli's
  - ✓ Abundance of yogurt left over last year. This year if there is an overabundance the rest will go to the Turkey Trot
  - ✓ Looking for volunteers
  - ✓ DHS will be singing carols, Santa will be there, and there will be a raffle table-if anyone wants to donate or know someone who would like to donate for the raffle table let Kara know
  - ✓ Sarah McLellan volunteered to coordinate the kids crafts

➤ **Teacher's Report** – Would like a list from us of what teachers receive for class rooms

➤ **Principals Report-**

- Lost power on October 20<sup>th</sup> for 1 ½ hours in sections of the building; was a tripped breaker
- October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 is the Harvest parade. 1:30-145 students will be getting into their costumes
- Fire safety is October 27<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>
- Picture retake is October 27<sup>th</sup>
- Dianna Bird the art teacher at Garrison does the year book.
  - ✓ She has already stated working on it and is working on the first day of school page.
  - ✓ If you have any photos (field trips, anything inside the classrooms etc.) you want to share post a link to her dropbox-on the Garrison School webpage
- November 6<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day assembly at 8:45 am
- Patty Driscoll, math coordinator and Karen Berg, middle school coordinator are putting on Parent Math Night Workshops at the DMS Library
  - ✓ October 26<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 PM grades Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> session will be about number sentence development
  - ✓ November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7-8:30PM grades 2<sup>nd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>- Session will be about problem solving and bar modeling