

PTA September 17, 2015 Minutes

- **Reviewed business conducted over the summer**
 - Approved \$1,400 (\$3.00 per teacher) to Ruth's Reusable
 - Approved \$50.00 up to \$150.00 per room funding/teacher
 - Teacher Luncheon-was successful! The food amazing! Good response from the teachers!

- **Treasurer Report**
 - Each year the budget is set. The budget goes from September 1st through August 31st. PTA just closed out the 2014/2015 budget, ending year with \$46,000
 - Set budget for upcoming school year, \$56,000-\$76,000
 - Changes made to the 2015/2016 budget included increase of \$1,200 for arts & enrichment, added Ruth's reusable, increase in H.E.W and increase principal assembly
 - Will need to set aside funds for Earth Day and Northeast Passage
 - 2015/2015 Budget was approved

- **Artist in Residency –**
 - Grant was denied
 - i. Reevaluated plan. Have partnered with the Dover Children's Museum who is looking forward to getting back in touch with Artist in Residency!
 - ii. Students will be making individual sculptures and each grade level will make a large sculpture
 - iii. Working out details, budgeted \$4,000 for the program.

- **Turkey Trot –**
 - Firming up Sponsors-\$6,000 and still collecting
 - Hannaford donating water
 - Looking for committee members and volunteers if interested contact Debbie Fitzgerald or Jen Sprague
 - Hoping teachers will dress up as turkeys again this year!

- **New Business-**
 - **Literacy Night**-Fall into a Good Book October 8th from 6-8:00 PM
 - i. Looking for more readers and working on getting readers from the police and fire department.
 - ii. Added this year will be a performance of Gwendolyn the Graceful Pig by David Ira Rottenberg and the Northeast Ballet Theater
 - **Mini-Grants** – PTA sees minimal teachers sending in applications. Kate Hill will be going to a teacher coffee chat to talk about the mini-grants
 - i. The mini-grants are given for new innovated projects that last longer than one year or last for more than one class
 - ii. Kate Hill is looking for volunteers to review the applications. It would be one meeting sometime after October 23rd and before the next PTA meeting in November. You can email Kate at k.hill@comcast.net-after if interested.
 - iii. The approved grants will be announced at the November PTA meeting
 - **Hagermania** – Science show for the students

- i. Company performs through October at Canobie Lake, there will be no travel fees since they will be local
 - ii. Looking at having him come October 13th, however, it is the 4th grade field trip- may need to re-look at dates
 - iii. Approved \$775 for the assembly
- **Newsletter** – feedback due by 9/22 to Carrie Vaughn-goal is to get it read more & make it as user friendly
 - i. Newsletter goes out last Friday of the month, this month September 25th
- **Fall Fundraising** –
 - Going with a new company, Meadow Farms which will be offering local New England made products. Packets came in today; they will go home to students on September 29th and will run for two weeks. All forms will be due by Tuesday, October 13th. New this year you can order on-line and everything can be shipped to your house.
- **Teacher's Report**
 - Talent Show use to be put on by the PTA. Patty Stiles took it over and would like to pass it back to the PTA. Talent Show is always on the last day of school year
 - Mini Grants-teachers asked if we are doing it again. PTA will be providing this for teachers in the fall & spring
 - Teacher Luncheon-everyone enjoyed it! Said "Thank You!"
- **Principals Report**
 - New school policy -finger printing, every one helping out with students at the school will need to get fingerprinted. If it is a family event-volunteers do not need to get fingerprinted.
 - Can go to the SAU office, give them a call first. It cost \$ 23.50 to the State of NH. You only need to get finger printed once and you are good until your kid (s) leave the school.
 - Had first evacuation fire drill-went well 500 plus students/faculty in 2 minutes and 13 seconds!
 - Received a new roof this summer and two new cafeteria windows
 - New this year for students is a 5 day rotation for related arts-kids seem to be adjusting well
- **Overall Process Discussion**
 - The PTA website is on the Garrison School Website,
 - PTA Membership sign-up sheet- trying to save paper and did not send sign-up sheets home. You can go onto the school website to print the form off.
 - i. If you have a PTA card you can get discounts
 - Idea brought up to create a Facebook for events-not everyone has Facebook- would need to do something in conjunction with
 - Talked about bringing food nutrition to the school through a health fair. Brittany Davenport is interested in keeping up garden over the summer