# **Howe PTA Meeting Minutes**

#### 10-10-17

- Meeting called to order: 9:22am
- September 2017 Minutes Approved: Minutes Stand no changes

### PTA Officer's Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: Jamie Gaglione
  - Jamie has resigned from the Treasurer position open position to be advertised
  - o Balance Update:
    - Sunny Funny Fair around \$7800
    - Overall budget is around \$12,000
  - o New Funding Request:
    - Mrs. Munson 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Map books by Scholastic for \$325
       already budgeted for all teachers to receive funding for \$250/grade level
      - Would like to purchase for \$325 (benefits all 1<sup>st</sup> grade students) Approved
    - Dr. Murray— lunchroom changes did not work out so reverting back to 2 lunch periods due to safety on the playground - one teacher suggested a Yacker Tracker visual reminder on noise level for the lunchroom tone.
      - Would like to purchase for around \$116 Approved.

- Dr. Murray District just purchased for all children/classrooms DreamBox (math resource) but last year Special Education teachers wrote a grant for Reflex Math which achieved very high results (math fact fluency for target ed children's and when mastery is achieved, the license can shift to another child).
  - Would like to purchase 15 licenses for Reflex Math at \$525 – Approved.
- ABA Classroom no requests this year donations have occurred in the past.
- Principals' Report: Dr. Murray
  - Sunny Funny Fair Dr. Murray appreciates all support the district, in the past, has paid for the tables for only Howe, so moving forward, they will no longer pay for their own table rentals. Dr.Murray suggests that this be added to the budget for next year.
  - Spanish teachers working with the 3<sup>rd</sup>, have called out for canned goods for Puerto Rico victims of hurricane starting 10/16 and occurring for a week.
  - Camp Guyasuta all went well for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Ziplines 6/7
    will be a long day with a bonfire at the end of the day and dinner and nice round up for the end of the year.
  - Matt's MakerSpace full day elementary in-service occurred with keynote speaker (requested by the teachers) from The Children's Museum with breakout sessions during the day – positive outcomes and response from all that attended.
    - Dr. Murray would like to have a parent night this Fall so that parents can actually see it and what the kids are doing.

 Request for parent volunteers to sort the items that have been donated – a few hours a week would be much appreciated – will be posted in the newsletter.

#### o Read-A-Thon-

- Online tracking system no longer need to count tickets more interactive and posting of comments/chat feature -Mrs. Miller has vouched for the program.
- Reward system will be changed so that the competition does not get out of control – grade level rewards only for example an extra recess. Goal: 100% participation in all grades.
- Mr. Kukic will do the camp out on 10/26 and morning after as well this year.
- Suggestion of prize levels for all children.
- President's Report: Joyce Divine (unable to attend)
  - Received a thank-you note from Mt. Lebanon Public Library for donation – made in September instead of October this year due to a matching from a foundation.
  - Need to start thinking about nominating committee (need 3 people) for next year.
    - President, VP, Historian will need to be voted on.

## • Chair Reports:

- Suggestion for all chairs documentation of duties/responsibilities which can help new folks moving forward
- o Sunny Funny Fair: Mike Divine/Amos Glenn
  - Suggestion of sending home flyers with kids to ask for volunteers.

- Lessons learned moving forward.
- o Read-A-Thon: Jen Laurence and Carla Clipper
  - See above
- o Membership/Directory: Michele Rowland
  - The last round has had more teachers Dr. Murray wants
    100% participation from the teachers.
  - Will look into the online directory once the directory has been completed.
  - Suggestion of only having one form causing confusion.
- o Odyssey of the Mind: Leah Haywiser
  - Might have at least 3 teams this year.
  - Call out for teams and coaches in the newsletter.
- Unfinished Business: None
- New Business:
  - SpiritWear suggestion that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade shirts be a competition for the design so the committee will check with 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee. Offering a onesie this year.
- Announcements: Resignation of Jamie Gaglione call out for a replacement of the position.
- Meeting Adjourned: 10:10am
- Next Meeting: 11/8/17 @ 7:00pm