Bremen Elementary PTO meeting minutes 11/10/2014

Attendance: Jill Squires, Jacien Squires, Michelle Lama, Hillary Miller, Betsy Foltz, Pete Gallela, Brad Bell, Tara Eichhorn, Samantha Ashton, Marcy Brown, Dawn Rice, Mindy Neal, Christina Venrick, Rachel Fisher, Christina Burnworch, Jaime McCandlish, Tyna Fox, David Barrett

Reports Out:

Secretary's Report – Minutes were distributed to the executive committee. Motion to approve the minutes with no changes made by Tara Eichhorn. Second by Dawn Rice. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Jacien Squires reviewed the current balances and expenditures for all of the PTO accounts. Tyna Fox made a motion to approve the report. Betsy Foltz seconded. Motion Carried.

Principal's Report – No other reports. Donuts with dads was well attended and the teachers really appreciated the dinner provided during parent teacher conferences.

Classroom Rep's Report – Sarah Thompson, the new second grade teacher, is asking for funding for her classroom. She was left with no books in her classroom. There will be extra money to spend from the book fair available in the next couple of weeks that can be used. The teachers will go through their books and give her as many as she wants. The teachers stated that they would be willing to donate their book fair money to her. Hillary Miller made a motion to give her some extra money to purchase more books. Brad Bell will get with Tyna Fox to see about how much extra profit money we can give to her. Amount is undetermined so far. The books should be stamped so that they can stay with the classroom. Pete Gallela seconded. Motion carried.

Jaime McCandlish: For third grade, every year Carol Osborne comes in to give a hygiene speech about how their bodies are changing. Jaime is asking for the PTO to give each third grader a travel size deodorant to go along with this talk. A motion was made to purchase 75 sticks deodorant to be purchased from the nurse supply budget made by Marcy Brown. Second by Sam Ashton. Motion carried.

OPEN ITEMS:

Book Fair – We met the 5% increase so we are able to get the bonus. There was at least 1 online order. We are reaching a higher amount of profit with less advertising. We did give the library $1100. $120 was given to each teacher. We would like to get a stamp and paid sticker in the books. Several children brought in many bags of loose change and they did not know what kind of money they have or what kind of books they want to get. There was also an additional check that came in late. Tyna was unsure of what to do with it. In the future, we will be adding a disclaimer in the flier saying that checks will not be accepted after the fair is over. A motion was made to use scholastic dollars for the check. Motion by Tara EIchhorn. Second by Jacien Squires. Motion carried.

Donuts with Dads – Successful. More chocolate donuts and plain glaze need to be ordered for next time. There were a lot of powdered sugar extra. We had about 10 extra dozen donuts. There was also a lot of extra white milk.

Movie Night – It was a huge success. There were likely 150 people there. Pizza ran out. $86 was made in profit, but that is not our focus. We could have sold many more pizzas. There has been even more interest in the Frozen movie night. More volunteers are needed. It is still open for both boys and girls. The January movie will be the last Thursday of the month. If the dates are given to Dawn very soon so that it does not interfere with FUEL. The third Thursday of the months are more available. January 22$^{nd}$ and February 19$^{th}$. Requested that the RSVP had be a half sheet so parents can keep the info at home for when and where the movie night is.

Parent/Teacher Conference Dinner –

Lexia Update – Up and running now. We have started the children with special needs first. They have been tested and are working on it both at school and at home. We are now rolling it out with other children who need reading help.

The Shed's Shelves – Jacien got quotes from four different places. The original estimate is the cheapest. $2203 is the estimate given. A motion was made to go with the original quote. Hillary Miller made a motion and Betsy Foltz seconded. Motion carried.

Bremen Bucks – We need to make sure all of the book fair volunteers get their coupons.

Fall Clothing Sale – As of Tuesday, we have sold 85 items. All but two pairs of socks were sold. We ordered 24 pairs to start.

Cookie Sale & Pick up – Cookie sale is going on right now. End date is now November 21st. For pick up, Betsy is in need of about 8 key club members. They need to be here at the school at 5:30pm until 7:45pm.

SOAR Awards/ Raising Cane's Update – Jill and Jacien Squires picked up the Raising Cane's gift certificates. They are available for the SOAR award winners. Jill asked that whoever fills them out is mindful of the date, as they expire 30 days after they are dated.

Monthly Raffle Drawing – Mrs. Neal won the raffle for this month.

Holiday Events

Veteran's Day Program – Tomorrow is the program at 10:30am. It will be done at 11:30

Grandparent's Day – Crafts have been purchased. We need parents to volunteer to take pictures. The teachers will be providing a device for parents to take the pictures.

Christmas Programs – PTO will be purchasing punch and cookies for the programs.

NEW ITEMS:

Christmas Lighted Parade canceled

What to do with trees and other decorations. Tara Eichhorn made a motion to keep it in storage until next year because we've already paid for storage for a year. Second by Sam Ashton. Motion carried.

New Yearbook company proposal for 15-16 – The Company who is doing the school pictures is willing to take care of the entire year book. Dawn Rice is requesting information from last year to see if she gets an idea of what kind of cost would be incurred from Lifetouch. We need to know by the spring which direction we need to go for next year. The company (not Lifetouch) that Dawn met with will send out a photographer for up to 4 events included in their price.

Eagle Scout Project Proposal – A presentation made by an eagle scout. He is restoring the Land Lab at the high school. The woods portion of the land lab is in need of repair. In order to fix these things, funding is needed. Making a request for any financial help. The school system has gotten a grant to help with some restoring, and this project would complement their grant. Hillary Miller made a motion to approve giving him 50% to match if Pleasantville will donate the other 50%. So we will be giving $1500 if Pleasantville will match it.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

We received the River Valley Mall receipts program so that people can make money for the school in a contest. We will send a flier home to parents and not try to coordinate it at the school. Jill Squires will make up a flier to send home to parents.

ADJOURNMENT: motion by Dawn Rice. Second by Hillary Miller.