

Attendees

Melissa VanDenHeuvel, Mandie Arttus, Becca Nawikas, Betsy Hornseth, Mae Richter, Katie Carviou, Heidi Lassila, Theresa Qualls, Heidi Caldwell, Luke Herlache, Angie Phelps, Friends of Fallen Timbers ~ Lynn and Ed

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Heidi Caldwell and Mandie Arttus at 3:20pm..

Approval of Minutes

Betsy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March meeting. It was seconded by Melissa. They were approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report: Heidi Caldwell presented the transaction history from the last meeting until today. Money out to pay magician and science guy from Mardi Gras, field trips and teacher fund. Food service costs still to come out. Katie did ask some questions on the budget baseline. Funds from the Mcdonalds event from the first quarter went to district. Event in April will go directly to PTO. Looks like Sweet Frog is out of business. Dash for Cash at the Blizzard brought in \$851.

President's Report: Melissa Van Den Heuvel - nominations have been received for each position. If no one is competing, we do not have to vote. Can we still make nominate? No, nominations closed today. Candidates all knowinglingly accept nominations. Heidi will be very supportive in the transition with the new treasurer. Do the nominated individuals accept? Yes all accept.

~Still need a few chair positions filled- fall fundraiser and thumbprint plates

~Looking into options for fall fundraiser. We haven't signed with a pizza vender. 'Mixed Bags' was a previous sale which made a decent return. This item needs to be looked into.

~Popcorn maker might be on the fritz...will look into fixing or possibly a different option.

Administration Reports

Principal's Report: Mr. Luke Herlache- Thank you very much executive committee!! It has been an awesome experience, I've learned along with you. Thank you for all you've given to us and our kids.

~McTeacher night April 16. Will not push hard for teacher help since the other event for the district was unplanned and staff were very supportive.

~End of year activities- last day June 13, noon release- host whole school Field Day- sack lunch, bounce house, and other fun activities for the students outside. Cost for dunk tank \$139, bounce house \$243.

3rd/4th grades have walking trip to movie theater and picnic. We are looking to try to include all students in all events. It was brought up that students last summer felt they missed out on fun events due to being off site.

~USDD Food Service and Farm to School and the Dickinson school garden (Mrs Bonetti works with interested 3rd grade students to plant, tend and harvest onsite garden); are important pieces to Dickinson. Recently the High School landscape design class had a project and a winning design was selected for our outdoor learning space. This space is off the K/1st grade playground and can be viewed from the ramp by the gym. It will have a black board as well as benches, with enough room for 2 classes. In the future possibly outdoor audio with surround sound. Lots of learning opportunity for this space; science classes, summer reading program with teachers, possibly do ice cream social there for kick off. So exciting and great that the hs kids are doing so much and learning from this. Funded through grants.

~Summer building renovation project; could impact traffic in the building. The office will be relocated to the art and music area of the building for the summer. Reason for the renovation; health room is inadequate in size and the school needs an adult only restroom for staff and volunteers for daily use. It will be a single stall restroom. On special events there will be an exception to use the children's restrooms. The current staff lounge will become the health room.

~WI Forward Exams- 3rd/ 4th graders began today, everyone was very respectful. The younger students helped by being very quiet so all could concentrate.

~Wednesday, May 22 from 1030- 1, we will be hosting our Volunteer Luncheon. Amy Darnick and her dad organize this event to celebrate all who have helped at Dickinson this year.

Dean's Report: Heidi Lassila

~Appreciate all the support from the PTO, thank you.

~Ron Ripley from USDD - main focus has been office renovation and outdoor learning space. We still have the intent for gaga pit, kids play with their invisible pit (and no gaga knuckle yet!)

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Committee Reports

Teacher Appreciation Week- Besty, Katie and Mae- lots of good ideas in the works, it's kinda secretive.. spent time with kids at lunch and picked their brains about their teachers- almost ready for sign up genius.

Unfinished/ Old Business

~Blizzard game night ~ \$851 total donation toward school. Mr Prange and the Dash for Cash \$501 and \$350 on ticket sales, it was their best attendance night. It was so much fun- the kids were dancing and having a lot of fun. They enjoyed sitting with school friends. Thank you Angie for organizing this event. We'll look to do again next year, with Blizzard or Gamblers, on a 'Dash for Cash' evening to support the team as well as our school.

New Business

~Friends of Fallen Timbers ~ Lynn and Ed stopped by to speak about their fundraiser: Fun Run for the Timbers & All-School 5K team Challenge on Saturday, October 5. Teams of 5, an adult can run for free. \$10 per person, receive a t-shirt in your school colors and a hearty chili meal after the run. This is their main fundraiser. Funds are used to help buy equipment for Fallen Timbers. Once school starts in fall there isn't much time before the event, so we're speaking to school now.

Per Luke; students in our district do benefit from Fallen Timbers, we are still very interested in getting our kids out there. Students have field trips to Fallen Timbers as well as they come to us. Web based learning is happening through their organization also.

~Deb Higgins- Thursday, May 2, second Scholastic book event of the year. December is a NO profit sale. This event is book profit; which is used to fill teacher wishlist and the book room and classrooms.

Book Fair open 3-7 while the Ice cream social is 5-7.

Announcements

Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, May 14 @ 3:15 pm

Adjournment

Heidi Cauldwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:10pm. Melissa seconded the motion.

The draft minutes will be sent out as part of Thursday folders, email only. A hard copy is posted on the PTO bulletin board near the entrance.

Submitted by Becca Nawikas to be approved at the May PTO meeting in the LMC.