

Findlay North PTO

Minutes – Monthly meeting

Dec. 12, 2018 6:00 p.m.

Bigelow Hill School

2018-2019 officers:

President Elizabeth Behrendt

Vice-president Kristy Szkudlarek

Secretary Valerie Smith

Co-Treasurers: Amber Hirt (Jac.)

Deb Anders (NV), Carolee Hertel (BH)

In attendance: Alexis Lobdell, Eric Payne, Erin Hemmelgarn, Kristy Szkudlarek, Valerie Smith, Deb Anders, Amber Hirt, Jennifer Theis, and Elizabeth Behrendt

1. Welcome! - please sign attendance sheet – provide your email address to sign up for PTO notices/ email
2. Secretary's Report – Review/ approve minutes of prior meeting held Nov. 14, 2018
Eric motioned to approve
Alexis 2nd
Motion carried
3. Treasurer's Report
Current balance / funds available
 - Current \$36,309.42; we have about \$5,000 outstanding; A deeper look will be taken during Christmas break;
 - Bigelow Hill Library is asking for funds for a wish tree sanctuary. They are in need of bookshelves (\$155.89); The Lighthouse team has allocated \$1,500 for the project plus shipping, but they are still in need of \$155
 - Elizabeth motioned
 - Motion carried and approved
 - NV Library book replacement~ Mrs. Hoadley and Amanda Brasfield (FHS Librarian) have written several grants; They have received a \$200 mini-grant from Findlay Enrichment Programs, \$500 from Wind Energy, and a promise of \$1350 from Morning Rotary.; There are also 2 other grants still out there. The estimated cost was around \$3,000 to replace the books; NV is not asking for any money from PTO as of now; Thank you to all of your hard work with this Mrs. Hoadley and Ms. Brasfield!
 - GaGa ball pit for PE class and recess at BH and possibly to share at NV~ it has not been ordered yet; should Jen do a PO through her principal's account or use the PTO debit card? (Carolee has this). GaGa ball is very similar to dodgeball below the knee; real quick turn over game; fast pace with moving and watching; you can play with teams; helps children be aware of visual space; moving a lot; with shipping it is \$1,374.60 and it already is in the budget

Budget Procedure Reminder: All allocation requests that were approved in advance via the budget will be paid by treasurers upon submission of allocation request form. Items not budgeted will come before PTO at next available meeting, subject to approval by membership. Budgets are approved in September or October yearly. Reimbursements will not be paid until after approval of the budget.

4. Fundraisers:
2018-2019 Fall Fundraisers (2) are COMPLETE
Mumkins - Fundraiser is complete. Thank you to all students, staff & volunteers!

Cookie Dough, Otis Spunkmeyer - Fundraiser is complete. Thank you to all students, staff & volunteers!
We received credit of \$18 for a package that was open inside.
There were a few boxes still available in the BH freezer. 8 items left will be sent out in a list from Elizabeth.

Date for Limo ride for top sellers: Will be set after break sometime in January. Pizza and a movie?

5. Events in progress:

Read-a-thon, Spring 2019

January PTO meeting: Discuss contest, confirm prizes and answer questions, etc.

February 18-28: Read-A-Thon Fliers, information sent to schools to print and assemble packets (color coding by schools NV Blue, JA Yellow, BH Pink)

March 4: Read-A-Thon starts, fliers information sent home

March 4-17: Read-A-Thon...lots of reading!!

March 18-20: Totals and money turned in

March 22-24: Count totals

March 25-27: Winners, prizes announced

Bakery Bingo, March 29th 2019

Normally open the doors at 5:30 and begin at 6:00; around 400 people; Lacrosse typically volunteers for this and if not, maybe we can get the basketball or soccer team to help; do we still need tickets? We need those for the fire marshal; Alexis will work on editing that letter and sending out

PTO Literacy Project – 1st set of books for students were sent home in Nov./Dec. Two additional books will be given to all students at Spring break and before Summer break

Thank you to everyone who helped to label them. We have plenty of labels.

Erin talked about the American heart association Kids for heart (jump rope for heart) fundraiser; They are pulling kids in through technology with QR codes; it needs to be done online

6. Principal comments & Announcements

Mrs. Miller...12 days of holiday fun; Clothe-A-Child was a huge success with over 60 kids

Mr. Payne....8 days of holiday cheer; 3rd grade holiday program will be at BH; 3rd grade field trip to the historical museum; Clothe-A-Child was a huge success- served around 65 kids; Emily Fackler, thank you for helping with CAC shopping trip, shop with a cop, etc.; End of 9 weeks with grade cards on January 11th; leadership clubs will be starting after break; We will be teaming up with Foertmeyer and Sons on Feb. 25th to have a Spring flower fundraiser; They will have hanging pots, flats, vegetables, etc.; This fundraiser will be for NV's Leader In Me fund; The prices are similar to greenhouse prices; Delivery May 15th; Journey church Christmas shopping day- we had around \$1,000 and this will go back to our CAC fund

Dr. Theis...The Journey through theater program was a big success, with it being student created; teachers were very responsive and had a high engagement for children; 12 days of Christmas fun with a separate one for the staff; CAC went well with 52 kids; Laura Dyer did a lot to organize CAC and shop with a cop; School nurse has started a food pantry and a lot of donations have been made; Packages will be going home over break; Santa store from Counselor where kids earn Santa bucks based on their behavior, etc. shop JoAnn Fabrics donations; Waiver day the day before holiday break for professional development and they will be applying for STEAM designation; One Energy sponsors Lego team 10th place out of 24- Congratulations

7. Teacher comments & Announcements

Miss Lobdell...2nd grade traveled to the Mazza Museum; They had great behavior was recognized by community members outside of school.

Mrs. Smith...NV 1st grade had their Chocolate covered pretzels sale; donations were given; production took place; all money will go to the CAC fund- what a great way to learn about goods and services!

Next meeting: at Jacobs School, Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6 p.m.

February	Northview	2-13-19	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday
March	Bigelow Hill	3-13-19	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday
April	Jacobs	4-10-19	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday
May	Northview	5-8-19	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday