

Pine Ridge Elementary PTO General Meeting Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Teacher's Report – Mrs. Cardoso

- Thank you to the PTO for all of the support and hard work that goes into planning and running everything.
- Thank you for the PRR t-shirts, the Buddy Benches, the Conference dinners, the \$ from the Book Fair, and from K and 1st grades – for the grade level books.

Principal's Report – Tamasha James

- I love being here at Pine Ridge. The kids give me hugs and high fives all day long. Thank you to the PTO for all of your hard work.
- The monthly newsletter goes out tomorrow. It will focus on attendance. Try to get your children to school unless they are sick.
- Students have to have both snow pants and boots to play in the snow.
- We have had 2 half days so far. They have been used for professional development, standards, grading, scales, etc.
- The Ranger Breakfast was a really awesome event. It is a great tradition here at Pine Ridge.
- Thank you again for the staff PRR t-shirts. They are helpful when implementing our PBIS program.

President's Report – Sarah Streit

- The Buddy Benches are now installed on the playground. The kids have been using them.
- The Griffin's Game will be Saturday, February 25th. It will be a Star Wars theme.
- We made \$1198.60 from Box Tops. Mr. Kornoely's class won the Pizza party. The runner up was Mrs. Gabbert's class. They will receive an ice cream party.
 - Box Tops Across America – We have received box tops from 14 states so far. The class with the box tops from the most states will win an ice cream party.
- We can turn in the rewards from Aunt Millie's and Tyson's A+ participating foods to raise money for the school.

Vice President's Report – Kylie Rowland

- We have some open positions on the Carnival committee (Carnival is March 11)
 - Food Chair – This person will take care of the food for the Carnival. They will coordinate pizza deliveries and other food, and set up the cafeteria the night before. The teachers staff the cafeteria, so you will have experienced volunteers.

- Redemption Center – We need someone to work with Jen Bunke in the Redemption Center this year who will be willing to take over next year.
- Cultural Arts: The 3rd and 4th graders will see the Mr. Molecule show on December 12th in the gym. We are asking any parents who are available to attend and give us some feedback so we can decide whether or not we want to schedule this again next year.
- Ranger Breakfast: Over 500 people were fed. It was a great event. There were tons of donations (“a small truckload”) for KFB. Brad Stinson will chair this event next year.
- Website: We are considering having the Corresponding Secretary run the website next year. We are also looking at different website purchase options to make it easier and more efficient. Some of the benefits of purchasing a website include:
 - Putting the newsletter on the website
 - Financial reports available on the website
 - Calendar
 - Make it possible to make donations online
 - Send emails directly from the website
- HRP Report: The Halloween Parties went really well! The Winter Service Project will include many different charities including Ronald McDonald House, Kids Food Basket, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Helen DeVos Women and Children’s Hospital, Women and Children’s Shelter, Gila’s Club, a retirement community, and more.
- Original Works: The artwork was great this year. We had to have the items in earlier so we could do the ordering online. We earned almost \$2000 profit from Original Works. The orders will be delivered around 12/14, and we will get the original art work back at the same time.

Recording Secretary’s Report – Janet DeLapp

- The minutes from the September General Meeting were approved. Jenni Yoder made the motion to approve the minutes. Kylie Rowland seconded the motion.

Treasurer’s Report – Karen Witham

- Grand Rapids Gymnastics Fundraiser: This will be on 12/28 from 1-3pm. We will send some postcards home as a reminder. This is an open gym for Pine Ridge Students only. The cost is \$8 per student, and the PTO gets \$4 per student. You can drop off your child.
- We made \$1000 from the Book Fair
- We approved a Special Grant for the Stars Program, for the purchase of new books
 - Stars is a great program! All 1st graders are tested for reading. Students who score in the lower percentiles go to Stars for 15-30 minutes for day. This intense reading program really helps these students to improve.
- Box Tops: We show a negative \$11 for Box Tops right now because we have paid to mail them to the company but have not yet received a check.

- Culver's Night Before the Rally: Culver's usually gives us 15% of the proceeds from the event, rather than the usual 10%. This year, because we made so much money and broke so many records, they will give us 20%.

Upcoming Events

12/15 Family Game Night 6-8pm
12/21 Service Project Celebrations 2:30-3:30pm
12/28 Grand Rapids Gymnastics Open Gym 1-3pm
2/14 "I Love My Community" Celebrations 2:30-3:30pm
2/23 Box Top Submission Deadline
2/23 Box Top Committee Counting Event 6:30-8:30pm
2/24 General PTO Meeting TBA
2/25 Griffins Game (Star Wars Theme) TBA
2/28 Pine Ridge Art Show 6-8pm

Minutes submitted by
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