

**GREAT MEADOWS REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT PTO
Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2012**

I. Called to order at 7:02 pm. Kris Freda welcomed everyone; 3 officers in attendance, 2 parents, and Liberty School Principal Mrs. Kotcho; babysitting was provided.

II. October PTO Minutes & October, November & December Treasurer's Report –Review and vote – the group was asked to review the minutes. Hilary Jakub motioned to accept the minutes, Jennifer Pandorf seconded, and all were in favor. Kris reviewed the October and November treasurer's reports. The October and November 2012 Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Jennifer Pandorf, seconded by Hilary Jakub, all were in favor.

III. Open Committee Positions – Please consider volunteering – You will have a committee of parents to help you

Committee Chairs needed 2012-2013 School Year:

Book Fair – (Liberty)

Family Fun Nights – there are many volunteers just need a chair

Field Day (Liberty) – there are many volunteers just need a chair

Hospitality (Central)

Kindergarten Orientation

Staff Appreciation (Central)

IV. New Business

Another Vote for Teacher Grants will be made in January. All requests are to be received by January 4, 2013. There is approximately \$4,500 left in the budget for use.

An increased Budget for the Families in Need Committee was discussed. Jennifer Harrison, the Chairperson of the committee has communicated some exciting ideas for helping students with financial challenges. Some ideas were discussed such as a supply closet with items the children may need such as snack, coats, school supplies, etc. A list of things the committee has done will be requested and updated for the next meeting. Nickole Whelan suggested a starting budget of \$2,000 with the option to increase as needed. Hilary Jakub motioned to accept, seconded by Jennifer Pandorf, all were in favor.

Kris Freda Presented a Review of Proposed Amended PTO By-Laws. The Proposed Amended By-Laws were reviewed. A motion to accept was made by Hilary Jakub, seconded by Jennifer Pandorf, all were in favor.

V. Events started/completed since last meeting-Committee chair reports

Book Fair (Central & Liberty) – Completed

Families in Need Committee – to be continued throughout the year

Halloween Costume Fundraiser – open receivables, approximately \$54.61 to be received

Harvest Day/Fall Festival – Completed still open payables to chair. A discussion of possibly starting a similar event at Liberty School for next year was brought up by Mrs. Kotcho. Possible ideas were discussed.

Kid Stuff & Entertainment Books - Completed
Kid's Vote – Completed, children voted for President, Movie for Field Day, Free Recess Day, and Beach Day, Cathleen Rafalko is Committee Chairperson
October/November Market Day – Completed, Market Day Sales have been up approximately 40%. Suggestions were discussed such as changing sales to quarterly as opposed to monthly.
School Directory – Completed and delivered to Parents
Spirit Wear – Delivery expected 2nd week of December
Teacher Grants Status –Status report was reviewed
Trunk or Treat – Completed, suggestions were made for working on making the check-in process easier/faster. To be reviewed for next year.

VI. Current/Upcoming Events (Kris or Chairs)

Box Tops – Contest runs to 2/15/13 for a pizza party
Labels for Education - Contest runs to 2/15/13 for a soup party per grade level
Holiday Shop (Central) – 12/10/12 to 12/12/12
Assembly (Fitness Frenzy) – 12/12/12 Liberty @ 9:15 AM / Central @ 1:15 PM
Assembly (Anti-Bullying Laser show) – 1/8/13 Liberty @ 9:15 AM / Central @ 1:15 PM
Market Day – Order by date 12/11/12 / Pick Up date 12/17/12
Holiday Shop (Liberty) – 12/17/12 to 12/19/20
Teachers Grants – Deadline for entries 1/4/13 & will be voted on in the next PTO meeting 1/9/13
Custodian appreciation – to be held in June
PAC Meetings – To run as previously scheduled, minutes will be posted as available
Jump Rope For Heart – 2/6/13 Liberty and Central, PTO volunteers needed
Field Day – 5/31 Central with rain date of 6/5 & 5/29 Liberty with rain date of 6/10.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Our next meeting is January 9, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m. at the GMMS Café with free babysitting.