**Lower Allen/ Rossmoyne PTO
Meeting Minutes: January 9th, 2017**

This meeting of the LA/RS PTO was held on Monday, January 9th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the library of Rossmoyne Elementary School. In attendance were: Kirsten Salvatore, Stephanie Rush, Mark O’Shea, Dara Bogovic, Elise Buchanan, Faith Reinard, Amanda Ebbert, Justin Bitting, Heather Fleisher, Renee Healy, Brian Granger, and Leigh Ann Bryan. The meeting was called to order by Dara Bogovic at 6:33pm.

**Welcome & Introductions by all in attendance**

**Approval of November’s Meeting Minutes**

* Motion made by Elise Buchanan
* Seconded by Faith Reinard
* All were in favor of the minutes as they stood

**Principal Report- Brian Granger:**

* Polar Express had better attendance (50+) than in the past
* Make n Take was well attended and fun for all
* There were many other events: Book Bash, Angel Tree, Class Parties, Holiday Concert, etc that took place during December. All went well.
* There will be a Movie Night at the end of January at Rossmoyne; the students will vote on the movie.
* Via budget: given additional money under closing the achievement gap (showing growth on standardized tests). Trying to focus on how to gain achievement via after school tutoring and parent clinics out in the community. Currently this is in the idea stage.

**Treasurer’s Report- Leigh Ann Bryan:**

* Reviewed November & December’s Treasurer’s Reports
	+ November’s Income: $15,574.38 while Expenses totaled $2,294.81
		- Fall fundraiser income for the month totaled $14,682.50
	+ December’s Income: $1,789.76 while Expenses totaled $11,445.82
		- Big expense for December was the payment to Great American Opportunities (Fall Fundraiser) in the amount of $6,604.93

Total profit from the Fall Fundraiser is currently at $6,698.15.

* Budget as of December 31st, 2016 reflects a profit of $2,299.27
* WEC- was over budget due to the cost of buses (not expected expense); will plan better next year
* As of the ending of December there’s no outstanding checks; budget is balanced
* There’s bills for birthday ice cream- already paid for 8 cases
	+ Will follow up with person on the invoice as to how many come per case
	+ Also, Kindergarten students don’t get ice cream for their birthdays as 1st-5th do

**Teacher’s Reports:
Lower Allen- Mrs Healy**

* Big thanks overall for the Holiday Parties.
* PTO gave Mrs Smith a live strawberry tree; she says thanks and is enjoying it
* Pennies for Patients runs thru to January 20th, 2017
* “Soup”er Bowl will run from January 30th – February 3rd; students will donated canned/boxed goods and place with which team they predict will win the Super Bowl.
* Friday, February 3rd will be Jersey Day
* 1st Grade is requesting a check to cover their Zoo America field trip cost ($596.85)
* 2nd Grade will be having Swimming in February this year; Mrs Failla & Mrs Kline’s classes are January 25th -31st and Mrs Healy’s class is February 1st-7th
* 2nd Grade Special Olympics Dates are as follows: Sandwich Making Day April 19th, and trip to Messiah April 20th
* Wee Mail Dates at Lower Allen will be from February 1st-16th
* Science Night will be held Monday April 10th from 6-8pm at Lower Allen
	+ Request to have Bob’s Critters ($200)

**Rossmoyne- Mrs Dunn via Mr Granger**

* 3rd Grade is requesting payment for the Embryology Project ($165)
* Mrs Dunn & Mr Wickenheiser request for $300 for art supplies and prizes during Read Across America Week
* Assembly for Read Across America Week will be on February 27th
* Planning on having Green Eggs & Ham on March 2nd; will need volunteers
* Mrs Kennedy (Learning Support) is requesting for new ipad covers ($12.99/ea; request for 5)
* Mrs Dunn request for screen covers ($42.96)

**Committee Reports**

* **Movie Night (January 27th)**: Need someone to run it
* **Rossmoyne Talent Show (February 2nd @ Allen M.S.):** Papers going home in regards to “try outs”. Volunteers will be needed for dress rehearsal and the actual Talent Show. Only Rossmoyne students in 3rd-5th will participate; though all are welcome to watch.
* **Book Fairs:**
	+ **Lower Allen- Faith Reinard:**
		- February 27th-March 3rd to coincide with Read Across America Week.
		- Possibly move Bingo Night to an evening during this week.
	+ **Rossmoyne-** **Dara Bogovic:**
		- November we sold $836.88.
		- Teachers have $1,509.18 to use towards classrooms; $140.51 of which will expire in March.
		- Next Bookfair is going to be scheduled to coincide with Spring Fair (in May).
* **Educational Funding:**
	+ **Box Tops- Kirsten Salvatore:** December check issued for $1,498.90
		- Officially earned $1,199.20 so far this school year (approximately 60% of total goal)
		- November’s Top Box Tops Classrooms were: Mrs Pyfer (1st) and Mr Maxwell (3rd)
		- December’s Top Box Tops Classrooms were: Mrs Failla (2nd) and Mrs Hugar (4th)
		- February will be our next contest; more info forthecoming
	+ **Giant- Kirsten Salvatore:** To date we’ve earned $1,033.76 in the A+ Rewards Program
	+ **Restaurant-** **Dara Bogovic:** Nothing Scheduled for January; still planning
		- Waiting to hear back from Five Below on how December’s event went
		- Chili’s earned us $50 and Arooga’s earned us $69.53
	+ **BJ’s- Leigh Ann Bryan:** Sent about 26 applications ($5x26=$130)
* **Spirit Wear- Elise Buchanan:** Fees were $220; sold $345.49; profit of $125.49
	+ Considering having the sale again in the spring; but then stick to once a year
	+ Looking into other types of merchandise such as car magnets, lanyards, etc
* **School Store- Christine Valentine & Patty Brown-Wagner:** Went well; $67.65 profit
	+ Trying to find a way to give profit back towards the students so all can participate next time

**New Business:**

* **Science Night at Lower Allen; Mrs Healy (w/ Mrs Pyfer):** April 10th 6-8pm; still planning stage
* **Read Across America Week:**
	+ Assembly on February 27th; Bingo for Books February 28th

**Old Business:**

* **Bulldog Mascot Costume- approx. $100:** tabled the topic until February’s meeting.

**Open Discussion:**

* **Skating Event**- would like to try to hold skating event at Fountain Blu; haven’t heard back from them thus far. Dara Bogovic will reach out again.
* **Complaint/Feedback:** Request to enforce morning drop off routine/policy at Lower Allen

**Voting:**

* Each item listed below was approved by majority vote:
	+ 1)- IPad covers ($137.46)
	+ 2)- Screen covers ($42.96)
	+ 3)- Art Supplies ($300)
	+ 4)- Bob’s Critter’s ($200)
	+ 5)- Embryology ($165)

**Meeting Adjournment:** was motioned at 7:43pm by Faith Reinard and seconded by Elise Buchanan

**Our next meeting is on:** Monday, February 6th at 6:30pm at Rossmoyne. See you there!

Submitted by:
Kirsten Salvatore
PTO Secretary