Plympton Elementary PTO

February 5, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Anina Thompson at 7:06 p.m.

In attendance

6 parents

4 PTO board members

Principal: Mrs. Taddeo

Teacher representative: Mrs. Pinto

Guest Speaker

* Morgan Cambern from Belmont Savings Bank came by and introduced herself. She would like to partner with Plympton at upcoming events we are having.

Approval of Minutes

* The minutes from the January meeting were announced and approved.

Treasurer’s Report  
by Laurie Moynihan

* Laurie Moynihan went over the treasurer’s report.

**Executive Board Report**by Anina Estrada

* Spirit Day planning committee met to discuss plans for Spirit Day on June 14. We are looking for lots of volunteers. All are welcome to help, however, all volunteers must be CORI approved.
* Health and Wellness night will be held on Thursday, April 4 from 6:30 – 8:00. The committee just met before this meeting and things are really coming together.
* Movie Night/Ice Cream will be combined again this year. We are looking to hold this event outside on Friday, May 31.

**Principal’s report**

by Mrs. Taddeo

* This year, the Parent Information Center will be conducting kindergarten registration differently. Parents will come to the school on their designated night and register their child at the school. Plympton is scheduled for February 13. Mrs. Taddeo has asked members of the PTO board to volunteer that evening.
* BOKS will be starting this month. There was an overwhelming response for registration and needed to resort to a lottery for participants. 40 students were selected. The program will be held before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting on Tuesday, February 26.
* CT tragedy – the school will be holding a practice lockdown drill in the cafeteria. The students will practice where to go and what do to do in the event that the school goes into lockdown while students are in the cafeteria. A notice will go home to inform parents before the drill.
* MCAS – Mrs. Taddeo has the dates. Testing does not start until March.

**Teacher’s Report**  
by Ms. Pinto

* Nothing to report.

**Multicultural Report**

* The charity banks are coming home soon that the kids had created in art for *Coaches Across Continents.*

Standing Committee Reports

1. Restaurant Night Out
   * December: Our December restaurant night out was last night at Uno’s. We made ~$139.00.
   * January: Restaurant night at the Ninety-Nine Restaurant. We made $131.48.
   * February: The February restaurant is John Brewers on February 12. A coupon will be sent home.
   * March: March’s restaurant is Papa Gino’s on March 14
2. Clip and Save:

* Box Tops: The deadline to send in Box Tops for the next check is March 1. We will be sending out everything we have over February vacation. Keep up the great work! Everyone is doing a great job sending in those sheets.
* Campbell’s Labels For Education: There are currently several special promotions with Campbell’s Labels for Education and we are trying to send out the maximum amount of sheets allowed. Also, if we send in 3000 UPCs before March 31, we are eligible to receive free books for the library.
* Coke Rewards: Coke Rewards are ongoing.
* Terracycle:
  + We just shipped out everything we had on hand. In December, TerraCycle ran a special promotion that there were no minimums for deliveries, so we sent them everything we had.
  + We are looking for a new TerraCycle coordinator. If you are interested, please contact [PlymptonPTO@yahoo.com](mailto:PlymptonPTO@yahoo.com).
  + We received a check from TerraCycle for $165. We will submit a request for another check in May.

1. Visiting Artists   
   * Kindergarten:
     + Touch tank from the New England Aquarium in May.
     + Dental hygienist – Wed. March 6 Mrs. Blanchard coordinating
   * 1st grade: Dinasour lady – Wednesday, March 20
   * 2nd grade: The Museum of Science came in December and did a presentation on magnets. The presentation was very engaging and fun. Participation from the office. We received a scholarship to cover all but $100 of the cost.
   * 3rd grade: The Museum of Science planetarium will be visiting on Thursday, May 21.
   * 4th grade: Phenomena – April 11
   * 5th grade: Not sure yet. May be the Acton Discovery Museums or someone else.
   * A local meteorologist will visit in the spring for grades 4 and 5
   * Feb 15 – the Clara Barton interpreter will be here for multiple grades.
2. Fundraisers

* Square One Art is being sent out now. The orders will be back to order around February vacation. All orders should be back before Mother’s Day.

1. Family Trivia Day at City Streets

* The PTO hosted a family trivia day at City Streets Restaurant on January 27. It was well attended and we received $237.45, as well as $120 from the raffle table. Thanks to Erick Bardsley for organizing this event.

**New business**

* No new business.

Next Meeting

* March 11, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., school cafeteria

Adjournment

* The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.