Onaway PTO Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2017

**Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the November meeting have not been posted. These will be approved at the next PTO meeting.

**Thank You**

To Karen Tien, Lori Young, and Amy Bouthilet for a very successful book fair.

To Stacey Hren and all room parents for the winter service project and party.

**Math Mania**

Math Mania will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 6:30-8pm. Gina Cuffari will run the event again, and it will be similar to the event last year. Notices will be sent out this week and next.

**PTO Nominations**

Thank you to Stacey Hren and Megan Holmes for compiling a comprehensive document summarizing all positions to be filled. Upcoming dates to remember are:

 Posting executive slate in Giraffe Notes for 4 weeks starting Feb. 10

 Vote to approve nominated slate at PTO Meeting on March 15

 Swearing in of new board at PTO Meeting on May 17

**Volunteer Needs**

Carnival needs a chairperson. There are a lot of willing volunteers, but we need a person to be in charge.

Spring Movie Night is scheduled for April 21. This event also needs a chairperson, and there have been discussions about moving the location to either Ludlow or Malvern community building.

**Artist in Residence Opportunity**

One major benefit from the funds raised through Onaway Olympics is the opportunity to do a big project that will impact all students. Art teacher, Tim Kalan, is coordinating an artist in residence program for all Onaway students. The program is also used at Lomond Elementary. Each class with have 1 or 2 art sessions with artist Mark Yasenchack and complete a large-scale art project. These pieces will hang on the walls around the building. The program will take place in the beginning of March.

The budget for this has been approved by the Treasurers and approved by the attendees of this meeting.

**Principal Update**

Monday, 1/16/17 will be the MLK Day of Service for the district with service projects for all grade level students and families at the High School.

The Garden Club is up and running with Mr. Kalan and Mr. McGuan coordinating 45 3rd and 4th graders. There will be a request in Giraffe Notes for donations of trowels and shovels to be dropped off at the office. Plantings for the projects will be supplied by the district.

Onaway has received a Shaker Schools Foundation grant for COSI to provide a day of science enrichment on 2/15 for all 1st-4th graders, because this is all the time in the school day will allow for. This program will need about 20 half and full day volunteers. The PTO will coordinate volunteers for this.

Mr. Forman is working to have a puppeteer/storyteller or alternative as an enrichment activity for the PreK and Kindergarten students.

Third graders are working on a multi-cultural performance to take place around 2/28. All specials teachers are working with the students on this.

MAP testing is ongoing for 2nd graders this week and 1st graders next week. 3rd and 4th graders will complete these at the end of February.

Onaway is in the 5th year of IB Authorizations, which requires a self-assessment. The staff completed the paperwork on December 1, 2016. The IB visit will take place May 4-5 and include meetings with parents, students, and teachers to discuss things that are going well and things that can use improvement.

The Board of Education met on 1/10/17 to discuss options for an upcoming bond. The Board voted to pursue the $30M option, rather than the $50M option. This $30M would provide $7M for the middle school and $23M to be split amongst the other school buildings, focusing on major improvements. Onaway needs new security cameras and the gym room needs to be replaced. Woodbury field would likely be converted to turf, replacing the grass.

**Upcoming Events**

Math Mania (1/26), COSI (2/15), Onaway Skates (2/25)

The next PTO Meeting will be Wednesday, March 15 at 7pm in the Library.