Ottawa PTO Minutes

March 21, 2017

Attendees: Samantha Heasley, Sue Clark, Bridget Brennan, Lauri Vendzuh, Rachel Bruce, Kristi Thielk, Megan Winkler, Samara Dykstra, Robert Wojtowicz, Duane Lockhart

1. Principal’s Report

~ Mr. Lockhart went over some upcoming important dates: Author in Residence 3/22; Taste Fest 3/24; Donuts for Dad 3/24; Half day 3/31; Return from Spring Break 4/10.

1. Guest Speaker – Ron Roberts

~Mr. Roberts talked about the May 2 Bond Election and the importance of parents voting. He asked that parents use social media to promote awareness about the election. The need for the proposed funds is huge. Our district’s buildings are aging. Our last bond election was in 2010.

~If passed, the funds will be used for the following categories: 1. Parking lots and sidewalks 2. Roofs 3. Classrooms 4. Play areas 5. Technology 6. Security/safety 7. Bus fleet. All buildings will see benefit from funds based on need.

~Approval of this bond will increase taxes slightly but without it most of these improvements won’t be possible.

1. Secretary Report

~November minutes approved.

1. President’s Report
2. Old Business

~Hand prints raised $780 and went very well. There will be an absentee date upcoming.

1. On Going Business

~We continue to ask parents to follow us on Facebook and to sign up for Kroger rewards. Parents must renew Kroger rewards every April.

~The last check we received from Box Tops was for $290. This was under our goal. Please continue to turn them in.

1. New Business

~Talent Show auditions will be next week with a performance in April.

~The Dance-A-Thon is scheduled for 3/31. A flyer with information was sent home.

~Began discussion for end of year carnival. We have tentative date of June 2.

~Fifth grade promotion will take place on June 19 in the morning. We will have to decorate the gym on the previous Friday or gain access to school over weekend. Will need 4th grade parent volunteers to work during the ceremony.

~Mornings with Mom will take place May 12. Volunteers are needed.

1. Treasurer Report

~Several checks were deposited since last meeting.

1. Teacher’s Report

~Several teachers discussed their desire to have area rugs for their classrooms.

Meeting adjourned 8:35.

Next Meeting April 18, 2017