

Patton School General PTA Minutes January 13th, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Bob Corley & Jenny Stanhope at 9:19 a.m.

Principal's Report: Eric Larson

- The days we missed due to the colder weather will impact the calendar. School will be in session on March 19th and May 21st.
- The 2015/16 district calendar is available on the district website.
- There will be a variance meeting for the potential new school sign on January 27th - any parent who would like to show your support for the sign is encouraged to attend.
- Patton is starting a new campaign, a Kindness Campaign, which will be part of the Patton Way. The students and staff of Patton will be encouraged to observe and record 'PAK - Patton Acts of Kindness.' A chain will be created with the slips of paper recording the Random Acts of Kindness, which will serve as a nice visual reminder for the community. This campaign will most likely begin in February.
- In early February, Patton will go from having three - 20 minutes lunch periods to two - 30 minutes lunch periods. First, Second and half of third grade will eat first and play second, while the other half of third, fourth, & fifth grade will do the opposite. Third graders will switch off on who eats first, giving kids the opportunity to eat/play with other third graders.
- With the bad weather, please be respectful of our traffic volunteers who are volunteering their time to keep our kids safe and be courteous where you park for pick up.

President: Bob Corley & Jenny Stanhope

- The District is having is having a Cultural Arts Fair on March 4th. Please see Bob or Jenny if you are interested in helping to plan this event.
- Dr. Bein wanted us to be aware that there will not be public voting in our schools for the February Election. However, there will be public voting in our schools for the April Election. Procedures have been put into place to keep the public out of the majority of the school by entering and exiting through the gym.
- PTA is starting a Chess Club. An outside vendor will be coming in to facilitate this club. This club will have a fee - please look for more information in the future.
- The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to help a Patton family in need with dinners. Please see Jenny or Bob if you are interested in helping.

Secretary: Rachel Moran

- December 2014 minutes stand as written.

- We received a thank you card from Dr. Bein for being such gracious hosts of our November PTA meeting and from the Patton Staff thanking the PTA for the delicious dinner served to them during the November conferences.

Treasurer: Jeff Cismoski

- The PTA is in good standing.

1st VP: Mairin Gradek

- Currently working on the Bylaws.
- If you are not on Facebook, please consider liking the Patton PTA to stay informed on the happenings of the school.

2nd VP: Bonnie Alcaro & Leanna Rocks

- There will be a Dine n' Share on January 19th & 20th at Photo's Hot Dogs in Palatine. Please tell them you are with Patton School and they will give back 20% of their proceeds.

3rd VP: Carrie May

- Join us for skate night on January 27th, 2015 - please see Carrie if you are interested in helping with that event.
- Movie Night will be held on February 27th - please see Carrie if you are interested in helping with that event.

ABC/25: Jen Schmit

- \$25,000.00 was awarded for traditional teacher grants, providing 48 full grants and 1 partial grant to various teachers in the district.
- \$22,140.00 was awarded for the Marian Elliott Grants (larger grants), providing 9 grants to various teachers in the district.
- Patton School received 4 or 5 of these grants. Mrs. Melamed will be receiving grant money to help build a recording studio in the back of the library.

Cultural Arts: Amy Reed

- On February 3rd, the cultural arts committee will be hosting a musical theater presentation of *Ben and Me* based on the children's book. There will be two performances for this show.

Early Childhood: Amy Reed

- Kindergarten Open House will be held on February 10th from 4-7. Please see Amy if you are interested in helping give tours to incoming Kindergarten families.
- A Patton family is looking for in-home childcare for their family. Please see Amy if are interested in this position.

Mini Courses: Tammy DeMarco

- Mini Course information will be coming out shortly. Please stay tuned for more information.

Outreach Committee: Susie Zitella

- The Outreach committee will be creating Valentines for the residents of the Lutheran Home and children at Northwest Community Hospital during indoor recess. If you would like to make Valentine's on your own or have extras, please consider sending them into school.

Fitness Club: Bonnie Alcaro

- Patton mom, Dawn Vaslow will come in and share her expertise as a personal trainer and work with the kids during the next Fitness Club. A reminder to those who signed up, please come with water bottles, athletic shoes, and comfortable clothing.

Yearbook: Rob Kanabay

- Ordering yearbooks will be done online this year. Please see Rob if you are not able to order online and he will try to accommodate your order.
- This year every family will be given the opportunity to create two personal pages of each child's yearbook. Please look for an email regarding this process.
- The price of a soft cover yearbook is \$14.30 and for a hardcover yearbook is \$21.25. A motion was approved and voted to round up the price of the yearbooks to the nearest dollar. The extra money would go to help fund those families who are unable to afford a yearbook for their children.

Nominating Committee:

- The Nominating Committee was formed. Thank you to Bonnie Alcaro, Jen Schmit, Mairin Gradek, Shannon Cismoski, Amy Brennan, & Joanna Esposito (alternate), for being on this committee.

Patton PTA Organization Chart: Bob Corley & Jenny Stanhope

Book Fair :

- Book Fair is in need of a co chair for this spring. Please see Bob or Jenny if you are interested in this position. Proceeds from Book Fair help fund the Birthday Book Program (where every student receives a brand new book on their birthday). Please help us continue this very fun tradition.

The meeting was adjourned by Bob Corley & Jenny Stanhope at 10:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Moran
Secretary