



Cottage Street School PTO Membership Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2015

Meeting began at 7:10 p.m., adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
12 people present

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Approved January 2015 meeting minutes by voice.**
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Elizabeth reviewed income and expenses, report distributed.
4. **Committee Updates:**
 - a) **Broadway Cougars:** School House Rock will be presented on Wednesday, February 11th and Thursday, February 12th at 7pm. Students will also view the production during the day on both dates. Meg asked that parents email Mrs. Sellers if they are interested in volunteering during the performances. Also, there may be multiple events at the school those nights, so Mrs. Munise agreed to speak to Mr. Madden re: informing families about the best place to park (possibly the church).
 - b) **Fun Fair:** There will be a new, centralized sign up system this year via signupgenius.com. Also currently collecting used books for the book store. We will be doing Green Team again, but no General Store this year. There was discussion about where to put the Cougar Gear table so that there could be easy access to the credit card machine. It was agreed that the table would be in the gym this year to the right of the raffle table in the corner.
 - c) **Iron Chef:** The event was unfortunately cancelled because of snow. Angela will be looking into whether we can reschedule. If not, we will resume with this event next year.
 - d) **Programming:** There were a couple of snow-related cancellations. Improv Boston will be returning on 2/23 for a snow make-up date. The program scheduled for Grade 2 on 2/2 was also cancelled and the committee chairs are looking into a new date for that. Crazie Tracie has begun her program with the Kindergarteners. Honest Abe also returned on 1/23 to make up the program he missed.
 - e) **Yearbook:** The Yearbook committee is in the process of doing the layout and asked that people please continue to send photos their way. Best way is to either email or put photos on a zip drive. They are also working on an online ordering system and may have a table at Fun Fair.
 - f) **Seed Sale:** going on until 2/10, but may extend the deadline.



5. Principal's Report:

- a) Mrs. Munise reported that the trial PARCC testing went very smoothly. Students used computers and ipads to complete the tests. The system held up through the testing and did not fail.
- b) A parent raised the issue re: technology training for kids and whether what they were receiving, particularly in the way of typing training, was sufficient given that all the testing will now be done on the computers.

6. New Business:

- a) **Committee Vacancies:** Box Tops has been filled. We are still looking for a co-chair for the Hospitality Committee, as well as Year-End Donations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.