

December 8, 2015 @ 7pm

Board Members Present: Amy Lapsis, Madison Day, Shannon Sion and June Burns-Seeley  
Staff Members Present: Dr. James Palmer, Principal and Deb Drew, Staff Liaison  
Others Present: Dori Ramsdell, Kelly Robidas

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Madison Day called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

### **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

### **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES**

#### Motion:

*Kelly Robidas moves to approve the November 17, 2015 minutes. Dori Ramsdell seconds and the motion passed unanimously.*

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Dr. Palmer provided the following report:

- 12/15 Kindergarten classes will visit Mansfield Rehab/Sr. Center
- Trestle tree in full effect. Ropes and mats came earlier this year, which was not as effective as in the past when all together
- New emphasis on the *Adventure Program* and growing it with a climbing wall feature; more budget dollars would be needed to expand the program
- Budget meetings have started
- Playground funds in this fiscal year town budget, need to start the conversation so we don't lose sight of the funds. Jim to touch base with Kelly Lyman, Superintendent of Schools, on our behalf to discuss getting something going to improve a portion of the playground
- All schools will be closed on election day moving forward in compliance with regional calendars

### **STAFF REPORT**

Deb Drew provided the following report:

- There is a shared librarian for the year. Position might change from para-educator to a certified teacher
- School store not yet open

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Madison Day & Amy Lapsis provided the following report:

- Adopt-a-family – items due back 12/9/15. Matt Weathers will be delivering the wrapped items on Monday, 12/14/15, to the Sr. Center
- Harlem Wizards – event scheduled for 1/18/16, MLK day. Tentative Wizard site visit assembly held at all three schools will be 1/5/16. Vinton in the AM, then Southeast, then to Goodwin. Madison will transport the Wizard player to the schools. Flyers about the event will go home after this to further promote the event. Three teacher volunteers so far; Ms. Deloretto, Mr. Toomey and Mr. T. Erin Christopher from SE is looking into local restaurants to provide discount incentive that night.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Shannon Sion provided the following report:

- An additional Yankee Candle order came in of about \$200.00 which put our profit at about \$1,100.00
- Sold about \$100.00 in T-shirts
- Wizard deposit sent on behalf of all three schools, SE and Goodwin need to send us a check for their portions or we need to reconcile their portions on game day.

### **FUNDRAISERS CHAIR REPORT**

Kelly Robidas provided the following report:

- Gift Card program – about \$3,000.00 worth of gift cards were purchased so about \$400.00 profit for us
- Direct giving campaign flyer not sent in December, postponed until May/April
- Pie/Cake company has been contacted for a 2016/2017 fundraiser but haven't not yet heard back from them
- Looking into an event that is free for families, possible movie night or Quester's Way...more to come

### **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fall Book Fair – under \$2,000.00 earned which equates to about 762 scholastic dollars. Deb Drew in conjunction with Ms. Davis (Pre-K) will spend the funds. Sold 8 T-shirts during this event, need to order more adult sizes though.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing new

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, @ 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June M. Burns-Seeley  
Secretary, Vinton PTA