Minutes: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 Meeting called at 9:00 a.m. by Becky Howard

**Attendance:** Amanda Blackburn, Michelle Reinfelder, Stevie O’Morrow, Crystal Cardinal, Mia Chapman, Colleen Harding, Courtenay Kondel, Jennifer Rau, Cindy Hougaboom, Becky Howard

Minutes motion to approve Amanda, Mia second

**Principal’s Report**

* Mrs. Makaravage unable to attend but asked Becky to share this information:
  + Julie Brown, Linden Community Schools Curriculum Director, has secured a grant to purchase four carts with Chromebooks for each 3rd Grade classroom
  + Julie Brown is also attempting to secure grants to cover the cost of the iPads for 1st and 2nd grades; if secured – PALS will be able to reassess other large technology purchases and reallocate this money
  + Linden El piloting online reading program for 3rd grade – cost of $1,000 to be paid by PALS
  + A 3rd grade library (cart and books) for the four classrooms to share has been purchased by PALS and will be available after winter break; 3rd grade teachers are under budget and are looking to purchase more books for the cart

**Treasurer’s Report**

* Highlights on net fundraising does not include Santa Shoppe profit
* Popcorn is in the negative

**Old Business**

* Literacy Night was a success with 20% of student body participating; Next Literacy Night will be held on March 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; theme to match March is Reading Month theme of “Cars 3”
* 50 students and parents participated in the Linden El PALS Linden Holiday Happenings Parade float; 400 flyers for Winter Blast handed out; agreed to participate next year – with bigger and themed float
* Santa Shoppe profits grew from previous year and ran smoothly (final numbers still coming)
* Secretary position still open

**New Business**

* Friday Popcorn sales are costing more than budgeted
  + Could potentially save money by switching to Sam’s Club or Costco products
    - Colleen motion to approve; Stevie second
    - Potentially tabled until firmer pricing can totalled
  + Changing from flat $20 fee for PALS product reimbursement to 30% of sales could help offset loss and also better distribute cost when sales are not large (take less from teachers that have small sale weeks)
    - Becky motion to approve; Colleen second
    - To begin January 2018
  + PALS to supply 5 golden tickets on weeks teachers don’t offer prizes – students that bring tickets back on the following Monday get to pick a prize from the grab box (to encourage sales)
  + January 19 popcorn sale to include 100 game tickets for Winter Blast
* Mrs. Goodhue in need of volunteers for her popcorn sale on Friday, December 15
* Next Leo’s Night is Thursday, December 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with Ugly Sweater Theme
* Winter Blast on January 19
  + All classrooms have selected basket themes
  + Stevie has received all monetary donations to cover the cost of games and photo booth (game invoice $2,137.75 – more than initially told due to added games/booths)
  + 12 carnival style games, 1 bounce house, 1 inflatable obstacle course
  + Gym Stars unable to participate, so Grand Blanc gymnastics is being contacted for free gymnastics obstacle course
  + Home Depot, Q Project, and Dr. Wax will have free crafts
  + Each student will receive 2 free tickets – 1 for popcorn and 1 for cotton candy; will need to purchase a ticket for more
  + Pizza will be $1 per slice and pop $.50 per cup (same as previous years)
  + Tickets for games and raffle prizes will all be the same; prizes will be drawn after event and winners will be contacted

**Next meeting – Tuesday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**