

**PTO General Meeting Minutes**  
**April 16, 2013**

Meeting called to order by President Cathy Louthen at 7:02 p.m.

**Reports from the Administration:**

Principal Pam Bylsma talked about upcoming events:

4/19 – Bring your child to work day – lots of activities planned, many classes and students involved

4/19 – Day of dance – zumba instructor coming

Pam read a message this morning to students about the tragedy in Boston to try to help students cope, she talked about how many people stepped up to help, rather than focus on the negative.

Only six percent of parents answered the 5 essentials survey – needed 30% to get a report, the survey did have some issues but Pam was hoping for a better response.

Pam did a presentation on “How to Build Independence and Problem Solving Skills in Teens”.

**Minutes**

Meeting minutes from March 19, 2013 approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Treasurer’s report distributed and approved, it will be posted online.

**Correspondence**

A thank you booklet was received from teachers and departments for the wonderful Teacher’s Luncheon.

**Grant Requests**

- Request for HOPE – Helping Others Pursue Excellence Mentoring Program is asking for \$500 to be used to help academically at risk sophomore students. Group was just started this year, there are already 32 students being mentored by 32 staff members. A portion of the money would be used for supplies for students that don’t have them, incentive for students to remain with the program, a lunch learning opportunities for mentors and an end of year celebration for mentors and students to celebrate their success.
- Pam Bylsma has asked for the remaining money designated in the budget for “Principal Requests” to fund a bus for a trip to a college campus for junior students. The remaining budget amount is \$340.30.
- Prom committee is requesting money for table decorations and party favors. The did not supply an amount so PTO suggestion is \$500 of the \$1000 in the budget for prom.

A motion was made to provide the funds for all three requests. There was a second for the motion and all present were in favor. The money will be distributed to each group.

**Day of Service**

Day of Service will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. 297 kids signed up at lunch, there are 30 different projects, most team lead volunteers are set a few more are needed.

There is also a need for help with refreshments, serving and set-up

T-shirt price will be available tomorrow.

Lots of food donations and money have already been secured.

An email will be sent with additional information and it will include a link where parents can sign up to help.

A meeting will be held after the event to determine how things went and if the spring seemed to work better than the fall as in previous years.

### **Senior Award Night**

An email was sent asking for volunteers. Four volunteers responded to email. Michele Kmet will coordinate the volunteers. PTO has plenty of plates, napkins, cups, lemonade and many decorations. Committee will focus on food and purchasing some balloons for tables.

### **General Announcements:**

Music Sponsors has asked if anyone is interested in representing choir or orchestra on their executive board.

Cathy Louthen passed the Gavel on to new president Pam Powers.

Cathy also thanked her current board for their service to RB PTO and wished next year's PTO board much success. Each current board member was given a plant by Cathy in honor of their service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Kmet