

**January 13, 2015**

**Officers’ Reports**

Meeting called to order by PTO President- Shannon at 9:32am.

14 people were in attendance.

Treasurer’s report was completed by Sandy Addison and presented by Leah.

FYI…All PTO minutes are posted at [www.fersoncreekpto.com](http://www.fersoncreekpto.com) within 48 hours after each meeting.

**Principal Chris Adkins:**

* NAEP Testing (The National Assessment of Educational Progress) will be coming up for all 4th graders on February. Ferson Creek has been selected as one of the schools to participate in this testing process.

 This test is the largest national assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in [mathematics](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/mathematics), [reading](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/reading), [science](http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/science), and writing. The duration of the test will be approximately 40 minutes.

* The students will be taking the PARCC test in the spring instead of the ISATS. The PARCC (P**artnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)** assessment will contain two summative portions – a performance-based assessment (PBA) and an End-of-Year Assessment (EOY).These exams are intended to be used as indicators of student needs and progress for teachers to identify and address. This pre-exam will be given in March and a post assessment will be given at the end of April/beginning of May.
* The school board has approved a tax levy for next year. The cost of living has increase is capped at 3%. The district asked for 21/2% and the board approved 1%. This will have some budgeting impact but the impact will not affect the classrooms.
* The recent weather closings have impacted the expected last day of school. The board will set the final date of school at their March meeting.
* If you have not downloaded the D303 app, you are encouraged to do so. It now has all the weather related closing info as well as all current and upcoming school information.

**Committee Reports**

**Holiday Fun Fest**: We had a great turn out for the Fun Fest. There were 13 vendors total. The layaway program we offered was a great idea but no one took advantage of it this time around. We may offer it again next year.

**Box Tops, Labels for Education & Aluminum Tab Contests:** The Box Tops & Labels for Education AND aluminum tabs contest is scheduled for February 9-13th. The classroom that collects the most Box Tops & Labels for Education will win a pizza party. Also, the classroom that collects the most aluminum tabs will win a pizza party. A flyer with additional information will be sent out shortly.

**Year Book Sales**: Flyers went home through the backpacks. There were no Pre-sales for yearbooks. The sales start **NOW**! Order online if possible. They will be available to order for one month.

**ASE: (After School Enrichment)** the catalog is available on our website [www.fersoncreekpto.com](http://www.fersoncreekpto.com) and a limited number of copies available in our school lobby. Get your order in early because classes fill up fast. Some new classes being offered this year are: Hawaiian dancing (K-5), Shrinky Dinks, Advanced Speed/Agility and Fleece Buddy. Most classes are between $5-10.00. Parent volunteers are needed so please contact Liz Holcomb or Joy Larsen if you can help out.

**Valentines Social:** We are bringing back our successful Basketball/Dance social from two years ago. This is going to be a very fun event for the whole family to enjoy! The gym will be split to offer a DJ on one side (with dancing and fun contests) and be basketball hoops on the other. There will be popcorn, juice boxes and a bake sale. This event will be held on February 13th from 6-8:30pm. We will need volunteers for this event so please contact Mattine Gallentine or Jenny Kesner if interested.

**Science Night:** This event is cancelled. It will be considered for next year.

**Spring Auction Team:** We are looking for parents to join the auction team and help solicit corporate and local businesses for auction items. Our final fundraiser of the year is April 25th. Please contact Cindee Rizzi, Julie Baier or Shannon Sullivan if you can help.

**Future Volunteer positions:** There are a few positions we will need to fill in the 2015-2016 school year. Treasurer, Directory, Website and Secretary are some that will be open. Please consider one of these and get involved in our PTO. If interested please contact Shannon Sullivan.

**Karen Johnson**: (Teachers’ Report) Mrs. Johnson reported that the teachers were happy with the lunch provided before holiday break. She will also remind teachers to get their receipts in for re-imbursement.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:50am by Shannon.**