

**February 10, 2015**

**Officers’ Reports**

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

13 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:**

* 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. There are 5 reading and 2 math exams. They range from 55 minutes-90minutes in length. The PARCC is cognitively inline with our curriculum. This pre-exam will be given in March and a post assessment will be given at the end of April/beginning of May. Mr. Adkins will be putting together a memo indicating some resources for parents to access. He encourages everyone to look into this information to become familiar with how this test will work.
* There are six teachers retiring at the end of this school year. As we get closer to the end of school more information will be coming.
* Kindergarten enrollment registration is taking place. So far there are 46 enrolled.
* Ferson will run their Summer Camp program again this summer. Academics will be held in the morning and crafts and games will take place in the afternoon.
* Parental Requests: Mr. Adkins will be open to taking parent requests for the next school year (2015-16). Please email him if there is something he should need to know about your child as far as what kind of learner he/she may be or type of learning environment they may be better suited toward. You may also send him a letter if you do not want to email.



**Committee Reports**

**Assemblies:** Our next assembly will be on February 24th. The company that will be putting on the assembly is called **The Mousetrap Machine**. The Mousetrap Machine Show combines Science, Math and Art to teach students about how the five essential simple machines work: the Lever, the Wheel, the Pulley, the Inclined Plane and the Screw. The assembly will take place at 9am and 10am.

**Year Book Sales**: 212 orders have been placed for yearbooks. 35 orders are still waiting to be entered. Friday is the order cut off date. Also, anyone with pictures, please send them in. Contact [kathyspotts@comcast.net](mailto:kathyspotts@comcast.net) or Paula Schmid at [bogschmi@aol.com](mailto:bogschmi@aol.com)

**ASE: (After School Enrichment)** two of the ASE classes have been cancelled due to weather and sick instructor - Bugs and Fantastic Fliers. Refunds will be issued to those who had already paid for the class.

**Valentines Social:** We are bringing back our successful Basketball/Dance social from two years ago. This event will be held on February 13th from 6-8:30pm. 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 basket ball hoops on the other. There will be popcorn, juice boxes, baked goods and crafts. Face painters and a balloon artist will also be at this fabulous event! **We still need baked goods to be donated**. Please contact Mattine Gallentine or Jenny Kesner if interested in helping out.

**Spring Auction Team:** We are looking for parents to join the auction team and help solicit corporate and local businesses for auction items. Please think about who you know. Contacts will help out immensely. We also need someone to help administer running the teacher- part of the auction. If you want to get involved, please let Shannon Sullivan or Julie Baier know. We need a lot of volunteers to help make this event successful!

**Girls on the Run:**  This is a curriculum based running program for girls. The program focuses on body image and self awareness. Some of the lessons being taught in this program are being a good friend and how to handle bullying. The season starts the first week of March and will run through May. The program is looking for girls in 3rd-5th grade. Registration opened February 1st. The girls will meet twice a week every week on Monday and Thursday from 3-4:30pm. There are also four volunteer teachers that will be helping with our program: Mrs. DeMien, Ms.Bowen, Mrs. Smith and Mrs.Schmidt.



**Barnes&Noble Book Fair:** We are looking for a committee chair to take on the B&N book fair. This event will take place in May preferably on a Friday. All proceeds that are earned go to Ferson’s LRC. This is very helpful to our school library as it gives extra funds to have at the beginning of the year for additional purchases. Please consider volunteering for this great scholastic event. Contact Shannon Sullivan [shannonlnj4@gmail.com](mailto:shannonlnj4@gmail.com) if interested.

**Upcoming PTO Meetings**: The March 10th meeting will be held at 9:30AM, and the April 14th meeting will be held at 6:00PM.

**Karen Johnson**: (Teachers’ Report) Teachers were wondering if the Yearbook is looking for any more portrait pictures from the students? Also, Mrs. Sheridan (Ferson Creek’s social worker) is interested in talking with the PTO about funding a beneficial program she is trying to implement. The PTO will talk with Mrs. Sheridan to find out more about her needs for this program.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:04am by Shannon.**