

December 7, 2018

**Attendees:** Carolyn Leo, Jeni Beckeman, Gail Menkes, Stephanie Day, Andrea Long, Mary Alhermizi, Kim Stoyanovich, Becky Noel, Amy Murray, Ashley Rolls, Sara Madigan, Merrilee Reynolds, Marcy Grant

Meeting was called to order by Carolyn Leo (filling in for Amy Margolis.)

**Principals Report:** Mrs. Nowacki introduced Kathy Westerlund and Nancy Waddell, Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum leads for Derby. Mrs. Westerlund thanked the PTA for the grant which allowed her to purchase 115-120 books for her classroom library. The books are a great addition and are helping her build a literature rich classroom. She presented a brief summary of what Language Arts classes are working on at Derby. Mrs Waddell also thanked the PTA for the teacher grant which provides all 7th graders with *Junior Scholastic News*. It has been very beneficial as it presents current events that are tied into the 7th grade Social Studies curriculum. She also gave an update on what the Social Studies classes are working on at Derby.

The next PTA meeting will have presentations from the Math and Science curriculum leads at Derby.

First Friday Teacher appreciation gift drawing raffle was held. There were 12 winners this month! Thank you to all the families who donated. Winning staff members this month include: Nick Karpinsky, Nancy Bonner, Dan Hickmont, Elizabeth Wilde, Stephanie Hicks, Dan Butchko, Whey-Jane Butchko, Martha Papp, Heidi Pratt, Katie Zerilli, Madeline Johnson DeCurtis and Stephanie Curcuru.

Celeste reported that the Derby band concert on December 6 was wonderful and thanked Mrs. Barclay and Mrs. Wolfe. It was also discussed that some teacher supervision of band students who are not on stage could be possibly be added to the parent chaperones.

**Approval of October and November 2018 PTA minutes**

A motion was made to approve the October and November 2018 PTA minutes.

Motion by: Merilee Reynolds Seconded by: Amy Murrary Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report: Kim Stoyanovich**

Derby PTA teacher grants were approved for 2018. All requests were approved. See attached list. Thank you to Natasha Sinagogo for heading up teacher grants. The \$5000 that Derby PTA received from the Whole Foods fundraiser this fall was added to the Teacher Grant budget which allowed for additional grants to be approved. Derby spirit wear fundraiser is ending soon. Sales are down a little from last year.

**Approval of updated Derby PTA Bylaws**

Bylaws revisions have been posted on the Derby PTA website for the past month.

A motion was made to approve the bylaw revisions.

Motion by: Ashley Rolls Seconded by: Merilee Reynolds Motion passed unanimously.

**Misc.**

There was a discussion about the Derby PTA considering some sort of memorial or donation in memory of Derby student, Ella Blonsky who passed away. Derby PTA will reach out to Derby administration about this.

There is not a PTA meeting in January. Next meeting is 2/1/19 at 9:20 am.