# PTO Board Meeting Agenda

# March 11, 2014 – 12pm SP Library

## Call to Order and Attendance

Attendees:

Edward Kogan

Scott Warren

Melissa Gordon

Tania Surane

Katie Reynolds

Margaret StClaire

Anne Reinis

Lynn Driscoll

Anne Van Gerven

Beth Konieczny

Caroline Cleveland

Michelle Kowalski

Lorrie Hardy

Amy Morrison

Molly Shapiro

Kristin Keevins

Agnes Beatty

Alissa Horak

Alisa Levine

Lisa Lewis

Sharon Chamberlain

## Approval of Minutes from February 2014 Meeting

## Correspondence and Announcements

Thank-You Cards presented for Chili Day and Cameras donated through Links to Learning.

## Administrative Reports

* 1. Scott Warren - Superintendent

1. Interviews have begun for the Daniel Wright principal position. We are completing the first round interviews this week and will be having second round interviews next week. We will look to finalize the process and bring a candidate for approval in April.
2. Our security process is complete and we will begin locking our doors and having visitors buzzed into the offices after we get back from break. We will be sending out the process to our parent community this week and next in preparation for the changes.
3. Congratulations to our Science and Math teams!
4. Science Fair Team did great at Regionals! Our students in project session earned 10 gold medals and 2 silvers. We have 4 students invited to present at state in May. For paper session the students earned 2 gold metals and 1 silver. We have 2 students invited to the state paper session.
5. Science Olympiad won 1st place at Regionals as well! There were 18 1st place metals. Every student on the JV and Varsity team won a metal. They are now on their way to the State Competition!
6. Our Math Counts team took 6th place in the State Competition! Haoyang Yu took 4th in the state individually and will be traveling to Florida to represent Illinois in the National Competition.
   1. Katie Reynolds – Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction

* 3 new Spanish positions opened - currently interviewing, working on schedules
* working on ELM subcommittees to focus on models, assessments, creativity, envision - during the next meeting on March 18th the results of subcommittees' work will be compared
* IL Ice Conference - leading conference on integrating technology and education - D103 turns out up to date with our processes
* Parents' nights on technology use at schools are coming up
* 6-8 grades have been aligned with new science curriculum, next grades to follow; similar situation with social studies
* Kristin Keevins raised a question about extra i-textbooks for each classroom - Katie confirmed that each classroom has extras for kids to check out.
  1. Anne Van Gerven - School Board Member
* SEDOL – An agreement was reached between D103, D96, D125 and SEDOL on a withdrawal agreement with withdrawal effective July 1, 2015.
* ELM Committee review is in progress with sub-committee’s meeting over the next few weeks and the next full ELM Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 18th.
* SEL Committee presented to the Board last week including information on the current pilot programs at Sprague and Half Day. A sub-committee of the SEL committee has been formed to discuss SEL at DW and how to meet the Learning Standards.
* Committee working on DW length of school day and schedule for next year has been meeting to look at options for next year.
* Board and Administration met on February 21st to begin next visioning process. Facilities assessment review has begun and committee will meet on March 19th to look at the D103 facilities in relation to future needs and define the best use of our buildings to meet those needs.
* Budgeting for 2014-2015 has begun in an effort to complete the budget process prior to the end of this school.
  1. Margaret St. Claire – DW Principal
* completed ISAT testing this Monday and are working on ISAT make-ups this week
* 5th grade is piloting materials for their English and Reading classes, which align to the new Common Core Standards.
* Our technology integration specialists are seen all over the building! Students are involved in a wide variety of learning activities, which are utilizing technology as a tool to reaching outcomes.
* Hosted successful Solo and Ensemble Contest at DW, where over 1000 musicians from area schools competed.
* DW’s Spring Musical, Little Mermaid, will be performed on April 10 and 11.
* Art and Family Consumer Sciences teachers are teaming up with their 8th grade students to create bowls and soup to sell for “Empty Bowls”, a fundraiser that will benefit the hungry. They will be selling the bowls at DW’s Spring Open House on April 16.
* Also at the April 16 Spring Open House, the 8th grade teachers will be holding an information session for the Springfield trip for parents and students.
* 8th grade students have completed their placement exams and have had communication from SHS regarding their class placement for 2014-15. Plans are underway for the graduation dance.
* The 7th and 8th grade Washington DC trip was a big success! (Except for the weather) A big thank you to Kristine Rickert and Tom Stadler for facilitating such a positive experience. They are interested in the feedback and direction that PTO can provide.
* Our Winter Pep Assembly will be held on March 13 at 9:50 a.m. We will recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our students at that time.
* Battle of the Books – 1st Place in Lake County
* Spelling Bee
* Geography Bee
* History Bee – 1st year for DW to compete
* Science Olympiad – 1st place overall at regionals
* Science Bowl – 1st place at regionals and on their way to Nationals.
* Science Fair – 10 gold and 2 silver medals at regionals, 2 students will compete at state and 3 students will compete at the Broadcam Mastors National competition.
* Math Counts – 6th place at state and 1 student will represent DW on the Illinois team that will be competing at Nationals.

## 5. PTO Executive Committee Reports

1. **President** - by Kristin Keevins

* Next PTO meeting is moved to Thursday, April 10th, since Tuesday April 15th is a first day of Passover. This will be the VOY Award meeting.
* Speaking of VOY, please nominate a volunteer today! We are doing it on a google doc this year so you can find the form on our website, on the schools website and in our constant contact.
  + 1. 2014-2015 School Year - Slating Recommendations

We are still working on slating our board for next year. We are reaching out to parents with younger students in the district and asking for current board members for names of people who may want to be involved. We also mentioned our interest for new board members in newsletters and on our website but find that personal connections are the best bridge. Still need a Secretary, Colonial Days Volunteers, Art Cart, School Supplies and a Vice President. Please talk to Kristin or Beth if you have any interest in these roles or know anyone who would like to be involved. We welcome everyone!

* + 1. Event Documentation- Year End Reports
    2. PTO Goal Updates (see [Addendum](#_Addendums))

## 6. Board Member Updates

1. **Community Relations CR report** 
   * 1. Welcome Committee - by Stacy Szwejbka - no report.
     2. Parent Education Committee - by Michelle Kowalski

* The Michael Brandwein event in February went well. We had about 125 participants and we have had good feedback thus far.
* We will be sending out a Parent Education Survey to all those who RSVPd to our events and also a link in the weekly. Please look for it and give us any feedback.
* We are already starting to plan for next year. If there are any ideas you have for speakers or Parent Education events please let us know.
* D103 is hosting a parent technology night on Wednesday, April 2 from 7-8:30 at DW. Please try to attend this event.
  + 1. Grant a Teacher's Wish - by Amy Morisson
* preparing a letter to see what teachers need. There will be an option where kids can deliver the items to their teacher themselves, otherwise PTO can collect the items.
  + 1. New Business: 2014 Wellness Cookbook iBook - by Alissa Horak
* Working with D103 Wellness Committee on a healthy icookbook, where families submit their favorite recipes for snacks, lunch ideas, dinners, etc. Deadline was March 14th, extended to March 21st. Any recipes welcome - 12 so far. Pics/videos also welcome.
* Sharon Chamberlain raised an issue with copyrights, when recipes used by parents come from cookbooks, websites or TV shows. Alissa admitted this could be a challenge and was going to address that.

1. **Cultural & Fine Arts** - by Ed Kogen

Cultural Arts

1. There were some scheduling issues at DW, but all have been worked out. Any changes in the schedule of the shows have been posted on the PTO website.
2. Next week, Urban Gateways will be presenting two shows for 5-6 graders at DW, "From Ballet to Breakdance" (history of dance) and "Spain's Dancing Rhythms".
3. In April, we'll have early American presentations at HD (Lewis & Clark) and at SP (Pioneer Living).
4. As part of the Illinois mandate on teaching the Holocaust and genocide, there will be a unique presentation on Anne Frank interweaving accounts from other conflicts and eras, such as Rwanda, Armenia, and the Bosnian civil war. It will be a group presentation, in contrast to the past individual presentations that had mixed success rate.

Explore the Arts Day

1. We have "contracts" from 21 presenters and expecting at least 2 more. The students are being grouped and scheduled into the various sessions. We will be sending out reminders next week and asking for acknowledgment to all of the parents that indicated their interest in volunteering during the event. Based on the currently submitted presenter fees and estimated supply fees, we are well within our budget. Leftover budget will be used to order an apple for the upcoming Apples Around Town.

**iii. Daniel Wright Coordinators**

* + 1. 8th Grade Dance - by Stacy Walsh

All committees are busy working on their assignments and holding committee meetings. A constant contact will be going out to the 8th grade parents this week to explain the dance and keep everyone up to date on events and deadlines. Changes will be made to update the dw 8th grade dance weebly email. We will be rolling out an art contest to the 8th graders after spring break pertaining to one of the class gifts. More details to follow.

* + 1. Health Events - by Tiffany Etzel

Planning is underway for the 8th grade Health and Safety Nights. The mother/daughter night will be held on April 3rd and the father/son night will be on April 8th. Please see Molly or Tiffany if interested in volunteering.

* + 1. **Half Day Coordinators** - by Sharon Chamberlain

This Thursday and Friday is the annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. So far 75 - 3rd graders and 100 - 4th graders are signed up to participate. PTO will provide parent volunteers and oranges/napkins for the snack.

1. World's Fair - by Lynn Driscoll

Volunteers are secured. A volunteer meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18th. We will send out a Constant Contact request for the use of portable Tents for the event booths. All is on schedule.

1. State Fair - by Gail Saliba

Recruiting booth leader volunteers

1. HEPCo - by Kristin Keevins

Kristin and Mrs. Mau meeting on keeping the project going next year - location is an issue since currently utilized room will not be available next year.

**vii. Sprague Coordinators** - by Caroline Cleveland

* Meet with Mr. Solis for Diabetes Walk scheduled on April 25th. PTO will be getting regular popsicles and water for children. We have been asked to look for volunteers for that day. We would need 4 people at Sprague from 1-3pm and 4 people at Ryerson from 12-2.30pm on the day of the walk.
* The Kindergarteners are going to Little Red Schoolhouse for Laura B Sprague Day. Classes are scheduled on different days beginning April 14th to April 17th. I met with Mrs. Wylie, and Mrs. Clay regarding PTO helping with getting ice cream as a treat for the children after their individual outing. We are getting ice cream from Quest, and PTO will get whipped cream and chocolate sauce from Costco. No volunteers are needed.
* Artwork for Mrs Feld was hung on March 7th.
* PTO provided for Valentine's Day treats for Sprague Early Childhood - 2nd graders on Friday (Feb 14th). Received verbal appreciation from teachers while distributing treats.
* Pilgrim Simulation - no report - by Kate Harper

## 7. Vice President

LFF Update - by Jane Ernst

* + - Apples Around Town- agreed to contribute to the D103 apple.
    - Bedrosian Scholarship (students in 8th grade nominate themselves) – Applications available on the LFF web site. Collecting applications through email.

1. **Communications** - by Agnes Beatty

* Reminders about board meetings attendance, 103 Monthly Article - Submissions Due
* Discussing Google Docs
* Following up on email about End Year Reports

1. **Treasurer** - by Molly Shapiro

Current Financials: in a good shape, paid for Pizza to Music Boosters, more money received from Camp Fair. 2014/2015 Budget voting will take place next month.

1. **Ways and Means -** by Beth Konieczny

• General: Reminder to use our sponsors (check PTO Website for list of sponsors) for your events or program needs as a first point of contact.

1. Camp Fair - by Susie Durlacher/Wendy Miller - no report
2. $103 for 103
3. Membership - by Debbie Fisch/Yulee Lee/Melissa Gordon - no report
4. Book Fair - by Alissa Horak:

* On target for next year following successful event.

1. School Supplies - by Veronica Woolson

* Turned in our final school supply list for each grade to EPI. Jodi from EPI will get a quote for each grade. When received (hopefully by next week), lists will need to be reviewed with each principal again for final approval.
* Because we are doing home delivery, we will need to use the EPI site to sell our supplies. So we will need to send email reminders like we did for spirit wear when the time comes.

1. Spirit Wear - by Linda Pinsel

* Winter Spirit Wear Sale was a success! We sold 187 pieces during this sales period. We sold 320 during registration process that happened in the spring with delivery of product when school stared. I think our numbers were good considering we had just had a sale 4 months prior. Delivery of the SW will happen most likely next Wednesday or Thursday. Michele and I have been happy with the vendor so far. We will do a complete evaluation of the vendor when all item are delivered. $1583.00 profit for PTO.
* New vendor, American Outfitters delivered on all they promised. The next Spirit Wear sales will be offered right when school starts in the fall.
* Our next SW sale will be at the beginning of next school year, we will not be tagging it along with registration.
* Starting to work on t-shirts design and ordering for the 5K.

1. Run for the Fields - by Tricia Jette

* Last week of a big push on sponsors - secured a title sponsor of LSA this week, thanks to Beth and Kristin. Midtown joined as a Silver sponsor; verbal confirmation of Dunkin Donuts to join.

PRE-RACE LOGISTICS:

* Stephanie Hooper is working with Accusplit on registration to open it mid march; only online registration this year, NO PAPER. Race Entry fees will remain the same: $25 pp, $90 per family of 4 (each add'l member $15). Late registration from May 12-May 16 will be $30 pp or $110 per family of 4 (each add'l member $20). Family Sponsor will be $250 with a deadline of April 15th to get family name on T-shirts. No race day registration again this year.

• Village and county street use permits and certifications are complete.

• Insurance has been secured.

• Village sign permits will be ready for submission.

RACE DAY LOGISTICS:

• Accu-Split will remain our timing company this year and we will continue using an imbedded/disposable bib-chip timing system.

* Confirming with Fire department for touch a truck. Mr Rueth will provide hula hoop contest and Dj services.

• Conversations with Police/Fire and Public Works about support and course directing are under way.

• Participation awards have been counted and Place awards have been ordered.

• Seeking ideas for additional post race fun for the kids.

SPONSORSHIP:

• Many in-kind donations confirmed: Mario Tricocci with massages, Mr Rueth will DJ, Lisa Lewis will warm up.

• Food/Beverage: Whole Foods committed to donating water & bananas. Einsteins will provide bagels. Fresh Market doing water table. Looking for Gatorade donation.

• Working on Celebration Authority in-kind donation of bounce house for post race again this year

• LSA has agreed to be our TITLE SPONSOR. After losing AON Hewitt who sponsored us for $7,500 last year, we lowered this commitment to $3750 to gain LSA. This is an amazing win as they will be on our race bibs and have great presence for the race! Great job Kristin and Beth!

• We do NOT have a GOLD sponsor at the $2,500 level – LSA was gold and moved up to Title.

• We have 3 confirmed Silver Sponsors at $1,000 each: Lincolnshire Animal Hospital, Midtown, Tamarack

• We have one Friends Plus of BCU and CPAC may upgrade from a Friends to a Friends Plus

• We have 2 "Friends of RunfortheFields" sponsors confirmed at $300 each: Athletico (who will also provide post race stretching) and Sunset Foods

• March 14th is our official "sponsor deadline" -- please note that we will continue to accept sponsors beyond that date -- but in order to include our sponsors in all of the publicity at each sponsor level, they need to commit by March 14th so close potentials ASAP! If you are mid-negotiation, keep working on it and request logo/art work asap.

• Beth K is managing our sponsor database to track all donations - thanks Beth. Be sure to send all sponsor updates to Beth

PUBLICITY & MARKETING:

• The 1st Constant Contact was sent out last week encouraging people to "Save the Date" of May 17th for the 5k!

• The 2nd Constant Contact is scheduled for Mid March to announce "Online Registration is OPEN."

• We will not have Paper Registrations but will have flyers to go in backpacks first week of April.

• 5K ambassadors are Lisa Lewis @ Sprague, Ali Hanes at Half Day and Kristin Keevins at DW. Ambassadors will work with the PE Teachers, classroom teachers, principals and Room Parents to encourage participation and champion the race at each school through lunch time announcements, and posters to display visually how each class is doing with registrations and create some healthy competition. Heather Rick will be helping pull down registration numbers from the online registration to provide participation figures to ambassadors.

• The grade level with the most race participants will be awarded an Extreme trampoline jump party.

• We will award a $1,000 grant to the school with the largest percentage of participants.

• We are stuffing local races with our race registration to drive local participation.

• Beth Hannah will get the word out in all the local publications and call Pioneer Press to cover the race.

• T-shirt design and order will be handled by Linda Pinsel. Linda has been working on a new logo design and will be all set for print when sponsors are all set! We are planning for a white tee shirt with color logos front & back. Volunteer tees will be a bright color

WEB DeSIGN

• Agnes has been working hard on the website changing us to Weebly as our host and updating the webpages. Now that we have our title sponsors, we will be able to update our sponsor page!

1. DW Pizza Lunch - by Lorrie Hardy

Sales are down 25%, suspecting kids do not like the pizza. Will talk to Quest to see if a pizza provider can be changed.

## 8. Standing Committees

1. Links to Learning (PTO VP) – camera’s/green screen
2. Nominating Committee (PTO Pres)
3. Executive Committee (PTO Pres)- by Kristin Keevins

Discussing covering some costs of trips when students travel to participate in competitions.

1. Finance Committee (PTO Treasurer)
2. Legislative Committee (PTO VP)
3. Volunteer of the Year Committee (PTO VP)

## 9. Unfinished Business

## 10. Adjournment – Next Meeting – April 10th at 6.30 pm at Daniel Wright

**This is our Volunteer of the Year meeting**

# Addendums

5/i - PTO Goal Updates Report:

**PTO Enduring Objectives**

1. **To promote an environment in which every student has the opportunity to grow intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.**
2. **To promote a close relationship between the home and the school, so that parents, guardians, teachers, school staff, and school administrators may cooperate in the education and enrichment of the students.**
3. **To bring the community and school into closer contact, stimulating interest in and encouraging support for our schools.**
4. **To raise funds to support PTO Objectives.**

***2013/2014 Objectives***

1. **Increase Volunteer Diversity**

(a) Communicate with a more focused attempt to engage *all* parents. Create sub- committee reflective of our school district’s current ethnicity through Welcome Committee, to further understand any barriers to volunteering and create strategies to encourage participation.

Hosted a tea for several parents in November. Discussed cultural obstacles and overall PTO impressions. Hosted PTO Discussion with Younger Moms in early March: Take aways:

1. Need to have people on the PTO board from all cultures. Makes it easier for new people to approach
2. Welcome Committee makes phone calls in the beginning of the year – suggest have room parents follow up midyear with new families to help create close connections. Expand Local Business lists from Welcome Committee to include restaurants/food supplies/schools with ties to each culture.
3. Modify PTO Welcome Coffee to be more of a Volunteer Fair. Consider having daytime and evening session. To be coordinated by Ashta Bahtaad and Daphne Dickens-King
4. Volunteer Sign up info can be overwhelming-- do more sign ups at events and open houses
5. Use Room Parents for more volunteer communication- make the connection more personal

b) Create a survey to poll our entire parent community on their volunteer interests and attempt to determine obstacles to volunteer engagement.

Table for 2014. Try to reach more volunteers through sign up at events and a Volunteer Welcome Coffee

c) Strive to build foundational background knowledge about PTO in our multi-lingual parents through exploring the inclusion of a multi-language web page.

Investigated translating volunteer opportunities document $300 per language

d) Meet with support staff at each school to gather input on parent involvement/PTO.

Kristin reached out to each school admin staff and received constructive feedback. Asked School Offices to look for parents interested in volunteering.

2. **Simplify Ways and Means:**

a) Reduce the number of PTO sponsorship solicitations by eliminating national chains and those companies who’ve consistently chosen not to support D103 PTO.

Beth K. reduced list to be used for 5k/membership to appeal to local companies (not corporations) with direct impact to our community

 b) Develop Sponsorship position to work with all three fundraisers: Directory, Bookfair and 5K to create continuity to the overall sponsorship program and eliminate duplicate efforts. Continue to encourage Ways and Means Team support for all programs.

Still looking for W&M support

c) Simplify Book Fair Sponsorship – create one page advertisement for Premier Partners for Entertainment schedule and eliminate advertising booklet.

Book Fair raised $4800 in sales, and approximately $2,000 or so in raffle (need to market this more!)

Donors willing to donate for raffle and this is an easier “ask” than Ad money

d) Heavily market the Donation Matching Programs that corporations offer to employees. Encourage parents to consider $103 for 103 along with the corporate matching program.

Sent Matching program letter with tax letter to $103 for 103 donors. Will send out another blast and information with upcoming registration and link on PTO website.

3. **Communications/Community Relations**

(a) Continue to Encourage use of "likes" on Facebook to continue to push communications through this social media tool – challenge each board member to get five people to like page.

Our Facebook challenge to our board ended up not being necessary in order to accomplish this goal.   Our Facebook page “likes” have increased from 129 on September 1st to 165 to date.  This is due to a combination of organic growth due to more frequent posting of events and pictures and a one paid FB page promotion

.b) Pursue additional Parent Education, specifically in relationship to technology and the tools students are currently using in classrooms. Confer with the new Technology Specialists.

January 22nd speaker with CPN – The Big Disconnect – Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age”

Met with Katie Reynolds to discuss technology discussion programs at D103. Two programs for this spring are being developed by the district on Technology in the Classroom– April 13th and May 8th.

c) Continue to work with LFF and D103 Music Boosters to nurture the supportive and collaborative relationship of our three school volunteer organizations. Hold bi-annual President’s meeting and where possible, provide volunteer and financial support. Investigate using PTO Spirit wear for Music Boosters t-shirts and Science spirit wear (if desired).

The leadership relationship between our three volunteer organizations has been supportive and encouraging.  Collaboration in terms of considering each other’s needs and wants has been open and an enjoyable experience this year. Sent out Constant Contact for Music Boosters gift cards and Promoted solo and ensemble contest for volunteer needs.

Collaborating with Music Boosters,LFF and the District for an Apples Around Town Apple.

4. **Teacher Appreciation/Community Relations**

a) Develop week long plan of events for National Teacher Appreciation week, May 5– 9, 2014 and include OMMPA and LFF in those efforts.

Created a Special Committee in accordance with the PTO By-Laws for 2014 Teacher Appreciation week.  This committee of 10 individuals met on January 16th, and split themselves into smaller groups by school.  They will meet with their respective principals by 2/17/14 to acquire authentic feedback from them in regards to how this week should be executed and get a figure for budget.  Our Budget committee has met and all members support a budget for Teacher Appreciation expansion.  The actual budget will be determined after feedback from our school’s principals has been gathered.  Both LFF and Music Boosters are ready and willing to assist in any non-financial way they can.”

b) Promote and encourage positive feedback from the parent community to the teachers and administration.

Continuous

6/i. Community Relations CR report - by Kelly Dupont, read by Alisa Levine

Community Relations has been very busy lately.

* On Thursday, February 27, 2014 the PTO provided a chili and salad lunch to all the staff of D103 including the bus drivers. We had over 20 crock pots of chili made by the D103 parents. Quite a few were not even on the PTO board which is great! We collected donations to offset the cost of the salads and fixings. For next year we will set the date in January and also have a CR budget so that the event does not have to be solely volunteer driven.
* Friday, March 7, 2014 was the Ice Cream Social and Bingo night at Sprague. We had over 300 attendees who came to enjoy an hour of bingo and ice cream with the friends and families. We shortened the evening to one hour which is plenty of time. No one seemed to miss the prizes and we charged $5.00 per family which worked well.
* Thursday, March 13, 2014 CR will be providing light snacks for the teachers during conferences.
* In late Febraury, Alisa Levine, Kate Harper and Kelly Dupont met with Christy Adler to discuss Teacher Appreciation week.
* Our committee will be expanded to include Robin Babbo and Alissa Horak.

6/iii. Daniel Wright Coordinators - by Jennifer Qualley, read by Tania Surane

1. Valentines Treat Day: 5th graders had room parties. This was run by teachers and parents organized the treats. There was no PTO involvement. 6th-8th graders were given a treat during lunch. Hershey Bars and Skittles were served. The three treat day come in just under budget.
   * 1. Colonial Days
2. Colonial Days 2014 was held on Tuesday Feb 4th. Kids, parent volunteers, and teachers all enjoyed the day! Over 35 volunteers helped to bring home what life was like in Colonial times to the 5th graders at Daniel Wright. The kids enjoyed the following activities: candle making, tin smithing, decoupage, pen and ink, butter making, spinning, quilling as well as games played in Colonial times. Planning and participation made this day a success. Plus, we came in just under budget!
   * 1. Fraction Café
3. With 190 5th graders, we spent $655, (plus pizza would have been an additional $200 - We did not have pizza this year due to a conflict in timing, however, we are planning on bringing it back next year.) After reviewing our purchases - items leftover and items we need more of next time - here’s what we came up with:
4. BUDGET PROJECTION FOR 2014-2015
5. 655 total spent in 2014
6. 200 allotted for pizza
7. 50 to replenish worth of inventory of prior year food
8. 75 to replenish worth of inventory of prior year paper products
9. -75 of an overage of fruit and snacks
10. +10 need more of some snacks
11. Looking at these numbers, I would suggest that PTO could safely budget between $900 - $925 for the upcoming year.
    * 1. Art Cart

Third Art Cart project - Watercolors - will be next week (Tuesday, 3/18- Friday, 3/21) from 9-10:15am each morning.

* + 1. Lighted School House
    2. Dance Lessons

1. Social Dance: Social dance lessons will wrap up this Friday 2/14/14 with parent observation and participation.
2. Lessons have been a huge success for students and parents alike. Lots of great volunteers and wonderful attendance!
3. The dance instructor has been contacted to secure dates for the 2015 calendar. I am not sure if her fee of $55/student will change or not. It has been that fee for 4 years.
4. Our total enrollment was 80 kids.
5. We owe the dance instructor a final pymt of $1400.
6. The PTO made $1200 (less invites of $120).
   * 1. 6th grade picnic - no report - by Lauren Seiden
     2. Washington DC
     + Great kickoff year. We had high turn out of both 7th and 8th graders for a total of about 40% from each grade. Almost 200 hundred kids attend the trip and 17 teachers. Meetings are being held to decide details for next year. We hope to stay on last years schedule with a parent meeting in April and the trip during Casimir Pulaski weekend. I'm sure most of you heard about weather issues. The tour company, Worldstrides, was incredible and is now issuing a $130 credit per student due to the disruptive snow and government closings.

7. Vice President - by Beth Hanna, read by Kristin Keevins:

* Girls on The Run program turned out popular, currently full
* Battle of the Books
* Playground Check Picture to be taken at the end of the meeting