

PTO Meeting Minutes Schoolcraft Learning Community

November 8, 2011

The PTO meeting was at Brigid's Irish Pub & Restaurant. In attendance were: Monica Hansmeyer, Dacia Dauner, Geri Bang, Scott Anderson, Sanya Mortenson, & Meghan Gulmon

The first portion of the meeting Scott shared information about Schoolcraft's new authorizer, Volunteers of America. (For the last 10 years it has been the US Department of Education.) We were given copies of the Site Visit Summary Feedback from Volunteers of America's visit on 9-20-11. We learned that Schoolcraft meets and/or exceeds standards in every category on the summary. Scott also spoke of an up-coming meeting between all the Bemidji charter schools and District 31 and said he will keep us posted on things happening.

Sanya reported that we made \$500 at the Fall Festival on 10-15-11. We discussed how next year we should make it clear to families why we ask for money at the gate. It will probably help to have something in the festival announcement stating that instead of selling things door-to-door or doing raffles, we try to come up with fun and creative things for fundraising.

Dacia had information from Buena Vista with group rates for the PTO's February activity. **Action:** Dacia will find out when Winterfest is and then plan from there to put a date on the calendar for Buena Vista (tentative date February 12th). **Action:** Geri will look at last year's pricing so we can decide how much if any the PTO will kick in toward lift tickets. We are thinking of adding some live music to the Buena Vista afternoon.

We brainstormed a few ways of doing a holiday wish list for classroom enrichment. In the past we've had teachers list things they need for their classrooms. This year we are thinking of asking for donations at the door at the Winter Concert December 5th. **Action:** Monica, Geri, and Sanya will communicate via email with options for asking for money at the door.

The PTO will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10th, 6PM @ Brigid's Irish Pub & Restaurant 317 Beltrami Avenue.

Submitted by Meghan Gulmon