**Holdingford PTA Minutes**

**September 13, 2016**

**Members Present:** Anna Christensen, Evelyn Martini, Lisa Doucet, Jennifer Skwira, Ema Hartung, Josh and Wendy Hofer, Shelly Young, Stephanie Gertken, Anna Christensen, Jessica Funk, Shelly Harren, Mckayla and Ed Feia, Carlena Johson, Aileen Swenson

**Additions or Changes to the Agenda:** Added special request and principal report

**Secretary’s Report:** A motion was made by Shelly Young to accept the secretary’s report. A 2nd motion was made by Lisa Doucet.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Evelyn Martini’s report showed an ending balance of $16,652.20 as of August 31, 2016. A motion was made by Ema Hartung. to accept the treasurer’s report. A 2nd motion was made by Aileen Swenson.

**Special Requests:** Jennifer Skwira, Kindergarten teacher requested $400.00 to purchase more toys and manipulatives for her classroom, she has the new classroom as of last year and this year there was an increase in enrollment so more toys are needed to teach interactive play. Motion was made to give Jennifer Skwira $400 to purchase toys and manipulatives for her classroom by Aileen Swenson and 2nd by Shelly Young.

**New Business:**

1. Bi-Laws – The PTA Bi-Laws were last reviewed February of 2012, they need to be reviewed again and a few dates need be updated. McKayla Feia will review these and update them.
2. Parent Technology Information night September 22nd from 6:30-7:30 – Shelly Young updated us on the progress. They will be moving this event to the auditorium as the preschool classes will have a parent involvement night so that the preschool parents can attend this evening. Refreshments of water and cookies will be served. A flyer will also be sent home with all the students again and posted on Facebook before the event to remind the parents.
3. Fundraiser – Ema Hartung – there is no updates at this time.

**Old Business:**

1. Folder Stuffing – The stuffing went very well. Somethings to improve: There was too much stuff in the folders especially for the families with multiple students, try to go back to having more items only in the youngest child’s folder instead of all folders. Also PTA should make more of an effort to help make the copies for the folders before folder stuffing. Open House also went well. Some comments were that it should be more streamlined and that it should be a longer time period, some families were showing up at 3:30 already. Also talked about providing hotdogs and beverages for families or having the teachers have mini sessions ect. Everyone enjoyed see the school board at open house.
2. Membership – So far we have about 96 members signed up. We are almost to 100 members! Basket winners from Open house were Chantelle Mrosla and Ms. Waletzko.
3. November meeting has been changed to the 3rd Tuesday of this month due to the election.
4. Skating Party – We are going to try ice skating again and to set a date in the Fall.

**Principal’s Update:** Things have started out very well this year. The all-day preschool is going well. There have been talks in the morning about students using good words and sharing seats on all the buses for all students. This year so far we are at 570 students where last year we ended the year with 528. Also 40% of our students are receiving Special Ed. Jill Schmidt is getting all the technology ready for the new school year and will be starting the gifted and talented program soon. Holdingford was again designated a reward school.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58.

\*Next PTA Meeting will be October 11th 2016\*