9:34 am meeting called to order

**Jen Tedrow, President**
- Asked everyone to review the minutes.
  - All in favor say ‘Aye’-all  All opposed say ‘Nay’-none
  - Minutes approved
- We have a special guest, District 204 Superintendent, Karen Sullivan

**Dr. Sullivan, Superintendent**
- She has been with the district for 18 years and then spoke about:
  - District Goals
  - District Update
  - Common Core
  - New Accountability Testing
  - Teacher Evaluation Changes
  - Bring Your Own Technology
  - Hot Topics
  - IPSD 204 Mobile App
- Denise Calzaretta asked how to find out about high school testing for ACT or PARCC
- Dr. Sullivan stated that we will advocate for the state to require the ACT and there will still be those classes, even if it is not required. It will be years before colleges look at the PARCC scores.

**Terri Russell, Principal**
- She has a lot of “thank you’s”
  - Kim Wightkin-for sponsoring the holiday shop
  - Rachael Kuntz-for continuously working on Watch Dogs
  - Sandy Kelne-for organizing lunches for the staff
  - Abbie Reitzel-for organizing the Wheel of Wisdom for the assembly
- Coming up is the Panther Pride Celebration. We do this once a quarter to reward good behavior in the students. The theme is “Name That Tune”.
- Grades will be posted on HomeAccess on Thursday the 22nd after 4:00.
Grades 3-5 will be doing PARCC testing in March and April. They will not test the whole time, when it is known which grade will test at which time they will let everyone know. Pilot schools who have tested have reported that if we teach the kids reading and math the kids will do fine and that we shouldn’t worry about the technology. The school will show the kids some features such as click and drag and how to highlight.

Denise Calzaretta asked if they will use a touchscreen and Mrs. Russell told her they will use a mouse.

Chanda Ladaga
- set up the online directory, you can type in family names and can email and text straight from there. It is very secure and can only be accessed by PTA members. 
-Mrs. Russell and Jennifer Tedrow thanked her for doing this.

Emily Brosnahan, Vice President
- Boosterthon raised about $20,000, the most amount raised ever. 
- We are considering ideas for fundraising next year, if you have an idea, let us know
- We are working on the outdoor learning area and exploring options. We are looking at “That’s My Brick” for a fundraiser next year and it would complement the outdoor learning area. Families could purchase a brick and have a name, logo, etc... put on it. The bricks would go in a wall around the area or a path leading to it.
- We have a fundraiser/fun night at Sky High on January 29th. We will get money for each child that brings in a flyer.

Rachael Kuntz, Watch Dogs
- As of January 12th, we have had 50 dads be Watch Dogs. At the end of the day the dads answer a few questions and there has been very positive comments.

Rachael Kuntz, Donuts With Dad
- Tabitha King and Rachael are organizing this.
- It is January 22nd from 8:00-8:45 at Tamarack.
- We are asking that siblings who do not attend Peterson be left at home so there is more room.

Jennifer Tedrow, President
- No one could be here to represent Stem.
-The Science Fair is February 2\textsuperscript{nd}.
-We are in need of judges, you don’t need to know much about science, you just need to ask the kids about their experiment.
-The Frog Lady will be there with frogs and reptiles
-There are 155 kids signed up which is 50 more than last year.

\textbf{Terri Russell, Principal}
-She will speak out of order about ELA resources because she has a meeting she has to leave for.
-The district has been generous with funding for ELA resources and additional resources funded from the PTA would be used to enhance what they have received. The teachers would use it to enrich projects they are working on in the classrooms.

\textbf{Ilyse Jarman, Savvy Business Kids}
-On March 11\textsuperscript{th} the kids will do their presentations. On March 18\textsuperscript{th}, they will signed a lease and adults will present on selling skills. The event is April 8\textsuperscript{th}.

\textbf{Jennifer Tedrow, President}
-Amie Strasma could not be here to talk about the Daddy Daughter dance. Save the Dates were sent out and the theme is Winter Wonderland.

\textbf{Denise Mascari, Mother/Son Dance}
-The event is April 24\textsuperscript{th}. We will be sending out Save the Dates with the theme shortly. We have booked the same DJ from last year.

\textbf{Jennifer Tedrow, President}
-Speaking for Hospitality, we will do something small for spring conferences and teacher appreciation week.

\textbf{Angela Soderquist, MarketDay}
-MarketDay has undergone a major renovation. We won’t have a rep any longer. In December only eleven people ordered for a profit of $77.00. We need to decide if we want to keep doing this.

\textbf{Emily Brosnahan, SpiritWear}
-The first grade class won the last spiritwear and had a dance party. The next spirit day is February 13\textsuperscript{th}.

\textbf{Jennifer Tedrow, President}
-We need someone to take over Recycling for Casey Lane. You can do it on your own schedule and with your kids. Let us know if interested.
-Dinner nights-Buffalo Wild Wings is January 21st.

**Colleen Keen, IPPC**
-At the last meeting they talked about the A+ Award-you can nominate any staff by writing an essay and the teacher who wins gets some money for the classroom
-Dr. Sullivan explained that there are not enough polling places and that is why they use schools and we have so many Tuesdays off. They are trying to find other places to vote.
-The 5th graders usually go to Robert Crown but the nurses might be coming to the school this year.

**Abbie Reitzel, Building Enrichment**
-We will have another assembly in the spring.

**Shannon Godsil, Treasurer**
-November was a busy month with Boosterthon money.
-Box Tops brought in about $900.00.
-The Holiday Shop made around $550.00 and we don’t really expect to get money from that so it is a bonus.
-We had a dinner night with Jets Pizza that made money.
-Made a motion to approve the budget. Rachael Kuntz second the motion.

  All in favor say ‘Aye’-all All opposed say ‘Nay’-none.
  Budget approved.

**Jennifer Tedrow, President**
-We have two big items we are proposing to approve funding for-ELA resources and the outdoor learning area. Neither are in the budget so we need to vote on this.
-We are proposing $3,000.00 for ELA resources which would equate to $500.00 per grade. They could use it now or whenever they decide to.
-We are proposing $10,000.00 for the outdoor learning area. We are meeting with the district grounds people next week to get a better idea of what can be done.
-We are also applying for grants to help with this.
- Rachael Kuntz asked for an explanation of the outdoor area. Emily Brosnahan explained that it could be cement or crushed limestone and have benches for all of the children.

- Rachael Kuntz asked if the ELA money was only for ELA or if a teacher could use it if they wanted to for math. Jennifer Tedrow explained that it would be only for ELA.

- Kristina Beliveau asked if the outdoor area would include any new playground equipment. Jennifer Tedrow explained that a Boosterthon representative mistakenly said that we would be getting playground equipment but we have been focused on an outdoor learning area for the kids from the start. We will prioritize that and can consider playground additions if there are funds left over”.

- Made a motion to propose adding a line item for $3,000.00 for ELA support.
  
  All in favor say ‘Aye’-all All opposed say ‘Nay’-none.
  
  Motion passed.

- Made a motion to propose adding a line item for $10,000.00 for an outdoor learning area.
  
  All in favor say ‘Aye’-All opposed say ‘Nay’-none.
  
  Motion passed.

- We will need to get a Nominating Committee to nominate people for a VP position and the Treasurer position for the next two years. Let us know if you would like to be on the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.