

Grand Prairie PTO Minutes

January 5, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jen Donnell, Dawn Kasper, Pam Sinram, Chrissy Feil, Jana Hlade, Janan Szurek, Juli Palmer, Talia Jones, Chris Witkowski, Dena Berry, Jenn Leone, Kim Radaker, Carrie Dolbee, Holly Toohey, Peggy Staszak, Matt Becker, Lynn Cihlar, Eva Garcia, Nancy Hund

Meeting called to order by President, Jen Donnell @ 6:37 p.m.

Minutes from the December meeting were presented and approved with a motion by Jana Hlade and a second motion by Carrie Dolbee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented and was approved with a motion by Eva Garcia and a second motion by Chris Witkowski.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Jen Donnell shared a thank you card from the Hund family.

-Jen Donnell read a letter of resignation from Co-Vice-President Penny Golub.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

-Responsibility is the Pillar of the Month for Character Counts for January.

-Battle of the Books for 5th graders will be January 13th & 14th.

-Report cards go home January 21st.

-This year GP families helped 15 families thru the Needy Family Fund versus 5 families last year. Janan thanked all Grand Prairie families for their thoughtfulness and kindness during the holiday season.

TEACHER REPS

Nothing at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Family Night Out...

Ice skating event made \$93 for GP.

Wednesday, January 13th Panera Bread on Caton Farm Rd. & Rte. 59 from 6am-9pm

You will need to bring a participation slip with you and it will come from school with your youngest child.

-Holiday Gift Shop...

The gift shop did make a profit and students were very happy with the selection this year.

-Room Parties...

Folders for the Valentine's Day party will come home by January 11th. The Valentine's Day party will be on Friday, February 12th. Check in time for volunteers will be 1:45pm with dismissal to the classrooms at 2:00pm with parties scheduled to run 2pm-3:15pm. AM Kindergarten parties will begin at 10:30am and end at 11:30am. Volunteers should check in at 10am and will be dismissed to classrooms at 10:15am.

-Green Committee...

We are waiting for our new re-usable trays to be delivered. There will be an announcement going out thru the district about this exciting new change at GP.

-D.A.R.E.

Will County will no longer sponsor our D.A.R.E. program after this school year due to budget cuts.

-Fun Fair...

The Fun Fair will be held on March 20th. We need strong men to help with heavy lifting on March 19th & 20th. The committee is in need of a volunteer to take charge of the games.

NEW BUSINESS

-Family Reading Night will be held February 4th 6pm-7pm. This year's theme will be "Genres".

-There will be an assembly held Monday, Feb. 1st on "historical perspective" with Martin Luther King.

-CAPE Awards nomination forms went home with students today and must be returned no later than January 20th. The awards will be celebrated at the February 9th PTO meeting, please feel welcome to bring a dish to share.

-Our next Jewel Shop & Share event is scheduled for January 25th-27th. Please remember to bring participation forms with you when shopping.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws...

-There was a vote to approve Articles 1-5 into the Bylaws. The vote was approved with a motion by Jenn Leone and a second motion by Jana Hlade.

-The PTO continued to discuss the Bylaws...

Article 6 / General Membership Meetings

Article 7 / Code of Conduct

Article 8 / Fiscal Year

Article 9 / Officers and Their Election

A vote was taken to add line D to Section 2 of Article 9 and was not approved by majority.

A vote was taken to add line B to Section 5 of Article 9 which reads "On the ballot each officer shall be listed individually. For the purpose of President(s) and Vice-President(s) the nominees with the two highest votes will take office." and was approved with a motion by Chris Witkowski and a second motion by Jenn Leone.

The PTO concluded the discussion at Article 10 to be picked up at February's meeting due to time.

Meeting was adjourned by President Jen Donnell @ 9:10pm with a motion by Kim Radaker and a second by Dena Berry.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Feil, PTO Secretary.