

Grand Prairie PTO Minutes

April 6, 2010

IN ATTENDANCE: Jen Donnell, Dawn Kasper, Pam Sinram, Lisa Lydon, Janan Szurek, Juli Palmer, Jen Lotarski, Carrie Dolbee, Jenn Leone, Lisa Burrows, Kim Radaker, Tammy Scheidt, Holly Toohey, Daisy Sencial, Megan Sabella, Sue Connolly, Talia Jones, Matt Becker, Kathy M, Sheila Taylor, Dawn Ufkin, Laura Klima, Monique Doolittle, Lori Gieseler, Penny Golub, Jana Hlade, Cassie Kohrt, Chris Witkowski, Elizabeth Majewski, Chris Ulreich, Tina Gieseke, Eva Garcia, Tracy Lambert, Dena Berry, Kevin Sirnam, Sara Kandl.

Meeting called to order by President, Jen Donnell @6:38 p.m.

Chrissy Feil was not able to attend, Pam Sinram will be taking Minutes

Minutes from the March meeting were presented and approved with a motion by Cassie Kohrt and a second motion by Sue Connolly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented and was approved with a motion by Carrie Dolbee and a second motion by Lisa Burrows.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-New Bylaws were handed out and on the back table.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

-Spelling Bee is April 30 for 3rd, 4th & 5th graders

-Multi cultural Night: May 4th from 5p-7p

Each of the grade levels has selected a continent and are preparing artwork projects, there will be Irish dancing, choir will be performing. This takes place of our fine arts nights.

-May 25 is a breakfast for all our volunteers. The staff donates and sets up the breakfast. May 25 is our open house for our new kindergartens. 5th grade student council will be doing a tour of the building, there will be a school bus they can get on, visit and meet both kindergarten teachers and classrooms. Please get the word out.

-May 5 at 2:00 p.m. is the 5th grade dare musical performance.

-May 28 is 5th grade breakfast & bowling celebration.

-May 20 & 21 5th grade out door education program.

-June 1 at 9:15 a.m. 4th and 5th grade Award Ceremony. parents will get an invitation letters in the mail if your child is getting an award.

-June 2 is field day and last day of school.

-Kindergarten evening registration April 29 5-8 sign up sheet will go around for parent help. Kindergarten registration is different this year in the past it was at the district office it has now come back to the school so please get the word. Parents can call the school to make an appointment to register.

-Book-a-rama swap we had a great turn out about 3,000 were given away. Thanks for your help. The books that are left over Ms. D'Atri will donate to the troops. Kids had a great time and were very excited about there new books.

-End of the year gift can be changed Mrs. Cihlar radio was fixed, received 3 overhead projects from Plainfield East HS.

-Volunteers need to be where they are signed in at, if make any changes you need to let the office know where you are going for safety and security.

TEACHER REPS

-Poetry night at Barnes and Noble 4-7 – newsstand area come anytime there will be poems, music and artwork from Mrs. Boggs merge class. Can order online Wednesday-Sunday.

-Friday April 16 is the 1st grade fair tale ball 6-8 p.m. 1st graders wrote fair tales and the teachers wrote the district for a grant and received it. There will be a DJ playing music, crafts; fair tale character will be walking around. The fair tale will be displayed in the media center for the families to see and celebrate there writing.

-Mr. Becker is expecting his first child in August – James Marvin Becker

-Lisa Burrows ask about writing a letter for your child. Mrs. Szurek response was yes you can write a letter but don't request a certain teacher. She likes to hear about your child learning styles. April 30 is the last date.

-Does communicate with the middle school to help with placement of students

-Registration packet will be come home soon, send no fees back with packet. Fee letter will come at a later date. **NEW & INPORTANT** Take note on the information sheet will be your child's students ID number, please keep track of that number that is how you will find out what teacher your child will have next year. You will go on to the website under parent web module. There will be direction in the packet.

-Jenn Leone mentioned are we doing anything about a kindergarten field trip. No kindergarten field trip. They will have their mother's tea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Family night out committee

In March we earned \$448.83

Michael Pizza \$135.00

CEC \$313.83

Island hoppin from spring no check as of yet

Nothing setup for future

-Jewel shop n share with the 3 events we made 56.74

-School supply went home today and can be order on-line this year and will also be delivered to school for pickup. 3rd, 4th and 5th supplies are separate this year

-Yankee Candle make \$6,000 Awesome job!

-We are trying something new Flower Power ordering flower on-line they get shipped directly to you. School will receive 50%.

-Earth week exciting week planned

All week recycling contest paper & plastic will be collected by class and weighed class will win a water bottle

Monday we will kick off our can drive also see a recycling video

Drop off cans Monday – Saturday also can be brought on the bus

Tuesday there will be a assembly You, Me and Ecology by MacDonald's

Wednesday we are going to be focusing on energy conservation using limited lights

Thursday we are going to be focusing on air quality adopt a plant and no idling hand-outs

Friday we will be picking up trash around the school, wear green day and the recycling contest winners will be announced.

-Coke rewards Thanks you for sending in you r coke rewards we have earned over 65 sweepstakes entries by people donated their points for the playground. P.E. now has 2,500 pts.

-Ink Cartridge we were able to get 8 \$30.00 gift card so Thank You for sending in your ink cartridges. What we have earned from OfficeMax we started purchasing items for teacher appreciation week and supplies for GP.

-Will County Landfill - we earned an earth flag there will be a ceremony May 13 from 10:30am to 12pm at Bicentennial Park in Joliet.

-Book Fair is April 26-29 setup April 22

This years theme is "Grand Prairie Diner All You Can Read"

Book pre-view for students on April 23

Family Night April 28 4-5:30 and April 29 5-8

Book fair needs volunteer any question see Chris/Liz/Eva

-The GP theme for next year is "Wild about learning" with a jungle theme.

-Dena Year book we order 476 books we have 20 extra books if anyone want to order.

\$3.00 sticker sheet to decorate yearbook can be bought at spirit wear sale.

-Teacher's appreciation week we will be doing something everyday.

-Fun Fair we made \$2,400

-Jen Donnell ask to cancel the June 1st Meeting / Majority voted to Cancel

-Sheila Taylor asks about Mrs. Peterman retirement, if they were planning anything. Mrs. Szurek said they are working on it she also stated that JR and Mrs. Matheis are retiring.

-Tina Gieseke asked about landscaping could they cut the trees/bushes. There will be a landscaping day setup soon on a Friday night or Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

-Voting in the new board

There will be a ballet vote. If you do not wish to vote please write abstain on the vote.

Pam is the only one that cannot vote because she is the head of the committee.

-Janan reviews bylaws

-Open committee

Box tops

Cape Rep

Family Night

Fun Fair

Health & Safety

Holiday gift shop

Market Day

Media Center

Message sign

Special Events Tina, Daisy & Lisa

-Spring Fundraiser pickup

Monday April 12th 4:30 – 6:30

-Motion to have 2 individuals with votes to become president

15 No

14 Yes

Everyone on ballot voted in with a motion by Tracey Lambert and a second motion by Matt Becker

Meeting was adjourned by President Jen Donnell @ 8:49p.m. with a motion by Daisy Sencial and Second by Sheila Taylor

Respectfully submitted by Pam Sinram, Vice-President