

Grand Prairie PTO Meeting Minutes

May 5th, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jen Donnell, Lisa Burrows, Lisa Lydon, Chrissy Feil, Michelle White, Jennifer Lotarski, Dawn Kasper, Kimberly Radaker, Carol Luthanen, Carrie Dolbee, Pam Sinram, Sue Connolly, Lynn Cihlar, Jana Hlade, Chris Ulreich, Janan Szurek, Juliann Palmer, Vicky Durovec, Monique Doolittle, Tracy Lambert, Jennifer Babec, Sheila Taylor, Matt Becker, Peggy Staszak, Jennifer Dale

Meeting called to order by Co-President, Lisa Burrows @ 6:05 p.m.

Minutes from the April meeting were presented and approved with a motion by Jen Lotarski and a second motion by Sue Connelly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was presented and was approved with a motion by Monique Doolittle and a second motion by Tracy Lambert.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Co-President Lisa Burrows shared her thanks and gratitude with the PTO and Grand Prairie staff and families for all of their time and assistance during her time as Co-President. This was Lisa's last meeting serving on the PTO board. Lisa's commitment and time are very much appreciated and Grand Prairie has benefited greatly from Lisa's hard work.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

-Janan discussed recent restructuring of our classroom sections including the addition of a bilingual section at each grade level. Crystal Lawn's bilingual students will be joining our students for those classes increasing our enrollment by 50 students. Crystal Lawns does not currently have the space to accommodate these additional classes and Grand Prairie does not have a high enough enrollment of bilingual students to require the additional courses, by having the bilingual students from Cryatal Lawns join Grand Prairie it is possible to offer these classes to our students. To help assist our new families with this transfer it was suggested that the PTO minutes and the Gazette be translated and made available in Spanish.

-Janan kindly asked that Grand Prairie parents avoid calling the school to ask about classroom assignments for the 2009-10 year as postcards will be sent home in August.

-The Grand Prairie Scholarship winner has not been determined at this time and will be decided by Janan and posted on the website and in the Gazette.

TEACHER REPS

-Lynn Cihlar graciously thanked Lisa Burrows and the entire PTO for everything they do for Grand Prairie.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Market Day

The Market Day drawing for teacher volunteers during the summer months worked out great.

-Family Night Out

Jen Lotarski is looking into a possible event with Haunted Trails. There will be a FNO at Coldstone on June 3rd from 3-9pm.

OLD BUSINESS

-All school gifts have been purchased and the new sound system is scheduled to be installed during the summer months. The new sound system came in under the budgeted cost by \$700. Janan is looking into the cost of a digital display system for Grand Prairie's front entryway that could show off our students artwork and pictures of Grand Prairie events. There was a vote to tentatively approve \$1000 to be used for this display tool with any moneys not used being directed back to the PTO. The vote was approved with a first motion by Lynn Cihlar and a second by Vicky Durovec.

NEW BUSINESS

-There was a vote to have a monthly drawing that would designate the Office Max income to the winning teacher's classroom to help supplicate the everyday costs of Grand Prairie staff. The vote was approved with a first motion by Pam Sinram and a second by Dawn Kasper.

-Changes to the 2009-10 budget were explained.

Incoming...

Kemps has been removed from the budget due to the milk cap program no longer existing and Skate West has also been removed. Cartridges was reduced to \$50 and \$300 was added to Escrip and \$600 was added to FNO.

Expenses...

Although Nestle Pure Life has been removed as an expense, please continue to collect labels. Tyson labels was reduced to \$25, Flowers & Gifts reduced to \$1800, 5th Gr. Picnic reduced to \$650, Assemblies reduced to \$3500, End of Year Snack reduced to \$350, Room Parties reduced to \$2500, and Taxes reduced to \$500.

PTO Manager renewal was added to by \$100, Misc. was added to by \$1375, and Room Reps was added to by \$100.

The new budget was voted on and accepted with a first motion by Carol Luthanen and a second by Juliann Palmer.

-There was a question as to why the D.A.R.E. Graduation is done during the day and not in the evening when more parents would be available to attend. The graduation is done during the day because of the many conflicting springtime athletics held in the pm and also because the policeman that conducts our D.A.R.E. program is only available during the daytime.

Meeting was adjourned by Co-President Lisa Burrows @ 6:50pm with a motion by Vicky Durovec and a second by Lynn Cihlar.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Feil, PTO Secretary.