

PTO Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2009

Location: Deerfield Elementary School Library

Present: Peggy Pope, Kelli Ezzell, Beth Vander Grinten, Mark Becker, Julie Schifano, Mary Winkler, Jaime McCabe, April Christenson, Joanne Polk, Tom Bush, Anna Ehrhart, Carolyn Eschmeyer, Darnell Reppen, Gail Moynihan and Loretta RiChard

Absent: Sheryl Norton

Meeting Called To Order: 6:36 pm

Approval of Minutes from February 9, 2009:

- After changing the word "fee" to "free" in reference to the WYSO enrichment - Motion made by Julie Schifano to approve the meeting minutes from the February 9, 2009 meeting, 2nd by Mary Winkler. All approved – Motion Passes.

Committee Reports:

- PTO Officers/Committee Reports
 - Treasurer's Report – Sheryl Norton
 - ✓ Balance as of 03/09/09 is \$7,535.00 in checking and \$4,366.33 in savings.
 - ✓ PTO needs to reimburse the DES for the WKCE snacks from October 2008. This was budgeted. Check to be given in the amount of \$200 to Mark Becker at DES.
 - Enrichment Programs – Beth Vander Grinten on behalf of Enrichment Committee
 - ✓ Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform at DES on March 12, 2009 at 10:30am.
 - ✓ Health Fair is April 16th for grades 4K-3. "Poison Prevention" will be offered for grades 4-6.
 - Request made by Kelli Strege on behalf of the Health Fair for an additional \$200 to pay for healthy snack, first aid supplies for presentation, mileage reimbursement etc.
 - Motion made by Anna Ehrhart to give an additional \$200 to the Health Fair, 2nd by Gail Moynihan. Discussion included support of this contribution. All approved – Motion Passes.
 - ✓ Young Authors will by May 8, 2009.
 - Market Day – Anna Ehrhart
 - ✓ Discussion included lack of volunteers for the February Market Day sponsored by the 4th grade. Suggestions made to help coordinate volunteers. Jaime McCabe will help facilitate with the sponsoring grade to give reminder calls to parents.
 - ✓ March is sponsored by 1st grade.
 - ✓ April is sponsored by bridges.
 - ✓ May is sponsored by Kindergarten.
 - Santa Secret Shop – Jaime McCabe and April Christenson
 - ✓ The staff will be polled soon for comments/suggestions on the 2009 Santa Secret Shop. As soon as those results are available, they will present them to the PTO.

- ✓ The contract is signed for the 2009 shop. This includes the standard discount for signing early and two registers.
- ✓ Discussion included changing the name of the event. Parents present were opposed to any name change. A parent present who has a spouse who is Jewish and she herself is an affiliation that does not support any Winter holidays shared her views and fully endorsed leaving the name as is, stating that it does not offend her or her families religious affiliation. She was also in support of leaving the name as is.
 - Motion made by April Christenson to leave the event named "Santa Secret Shop," 2nd by Julie Schifano. Discussion included supporting retaining this name. All approved – Motion Passes.
- School Kidz Kits –
 - ✓ No Update – Dawn Johnson not present at the meeting.
- Teacher Appreciation Week – Beth Vander Grinten
 - ✓ This year will only be a "partial" week. The dates will be May 4, 5, & 6th.
 - ✓ The committee is in the early planning phases, more details to come as we get closer to the date.
- Character Education Day –
 - ✓ The date will be Monday, June 8, 2009.
 - ✓ Mark Becker will facilitate securing the DJ.
 - ✓ Ice Cream cups and Apple slices will be ordered through the DES.
 - ✓ Patti will coordinate the Dunk Tank and Erik Witt for Kettle Corn again.
 - ✓ Volunteers needed – contact Patti Knapp to volunteer.
- Principals Report – Mark Becker
 - Read Across America was "awesome." The staff, students and volunteer readers flowed with enthusiasm. It was a great day. The 6th grade ended the day with a Lock-In at the DES.
 - Young Authors Day coming up May 8th.
- Teacher Representative Report – Joanne Polk
 - Spring Concert will be April 23rd and 24th (rehearsal and performance).
 - Kindergarten Visitation tentatively scheduled for April 30-May 1.
 - School Kidz Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians on April 13th.
- School Board Representative Report – Tom Bush
 - Athletic Conference Change – decision coming soon.
 - Track Repair – decision coming soon.
 - Bus Route – The bus route has been extended to drive to the end of Prairie Village Rd to pick-up students, therefore eliminating the students waiting at the edge of the highly traveled Oak Park Rd. The pick-up/drop-off location on Sky Terrace was adjusted to promote safety for all students.
 - Next School Board Meeting will be March 16, 2009.
- New Business
 - Kindergarten Visitation is scheduled for April 30th - May 1st. Market Day will order snacks for the event. The PTO will coordinate trying to have a representative at each session.
- Old Business
 - None

- Other
 - None

- Adjourn –
 - Motion made by Anna Ehrhart to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm, 2nd by Jaime McCabe. No Discussion. All approved – Motion passes. Meeting Adjourned

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