

PTA Minutes

January 7, 2009

Meeting begin time: 7:00pm

- Introduction of the PTA board members.
- Introduction of persons in attendance at the meeting.
- Recording Secretary (Cheri Blenniss): Passed around attendance sheet.
- Treasurer (Amy Martin): Current balance is \$52,812.04. An audit will be conducted following the February meeting.
- Primary School Vice President (Annie Schladt): No report.
- Elementary East Vice President (Michelle Klemz): No report.
- Elementary West Vice President (Rhonda Nitto): No report.
- Intermediate School Vice President (Lisa Gjelsten): Thank you cards received are kept in a binder located at the district office for all visitors to view.
- Middle School Vice President (Patti Shanders): No report. Will be put on the Middle School's "Happenings" email.
- President (Polly Hergenreder): The PTA Vice Presidents will contact each principal or representative in regards to being put on their informative email list. PTA looking into creating their own webpage. Will be using Teacher Web costing \$39 per year. Will find out if the PTA website could be linked from the district's website. An attempt will be made to embed attachments into the emails instead of having to search for them on the district's website. A webmaster volunteer will be needed to maintain the new PTA website. Looking into using RevTrak, to accept credit cards online for the purchase of Affy Tapples, Spirit Wear and PTA membership. Kim Stams of Spirit Wear does not accept credit cards and along with other complications may not be able to participate with the PTA's RevTrack. Polly proposed having duplicate PTA meetings during the month to be

located at the ESC to get some more parents involved beginning in March. Day care may be provided if the meetings are scheduled on a Tuesday or Thursday. Beginning next school year the PTA will be using the automated phone system a couple of times a year to inform families of upcoming events. Our next PTA meeting will be a general meeting with a forum for the school board applicants. Ten people have submitted applications to fill four available school board positions. There will be a mediator to provide a question and answer session.

- Intermediate School Principal (Dr. Kent Ashton): Winter parties have been rescheduled on January 30th. Enjoyed the Winter Break.
- Middle School Associate Principal (Mike Witkowski): The 8th grade students enjoyed the Mad Scientist assembly. Enjoyed the Winter Break.
- Primary School Assistant Principal (Stacy Anderson): On January 20th Danny Orleans the Magician will come and entertain the students.
- Elementary East Principal (Dr. Ken Hyllberg): The Mad Scientist assembly started today and will run for a couple more days. The Chicago Percussion assembly was enjoyed.
- Food Fundraiser/Jewel (Lisa Strauss): Lisa Strauss has accepted the fundraiser chair position. There is a good possibility that the PTA will be doing the Jewel Shop and Share in the spring.
- Fun Fair (Polly Hergenreder): The Fun Fair will be February 21st from 10-2pm at the Elementary East building. Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday, February 20th from 4-8pm. In need of bakery goods. All bakery good items donated need to be labeled.
- Holiday Gift Shop/Winter Wonderland (Jenny Herman and Tricia Elkinton): The Holiday Gift Shop went well bringing in \$2400. 427 children went through and shopped. Variety of ages came through. There was a holding area for the children and the parents so that each child had an opportunity to walk through without being rushed. Crafts were available while the children waited. Thank you to Dr. Ken Hyllberg for staying the entire time and entertaining the kids. Next year the chairs will need volunteers to help set up and decorate.

Suggested next year for the PTA to get the word out earlier for greater support. Rhonda Nitto suggested automated phone calls as a reminder in addition to sending out emails and flyers.

- Market Day (Polly Hergenreder): Will try again in the spring to do a special bonus order. Will bring in food samples to the teachers. Teacher order forms will be distributed.
- Nestle Water Bottles (Lisa Strauss): 750 labels received to date. Labels need to be turned in by March. Each label is worth 2 points. Unused points are forfeited. Points are redeemed for PE related items. Example given, a six pack of scooters are worth 10,000 points. A big sign is currently posted at the Primary school building. Gym teachers can put the Nestle water bottle label request in their newsletters to inform the families and promote the program. Suggested that bins be placed in the gyms for the kids to deposit their labels and a chart for the children to see what the goal is for each school. Administrators said they will find an appropriate location for the bins to be kept either in the office or in the gymnasiums.
- School Supplies (Polly Hergenreder): The Primary school received \$3000.00 from a drawing from EPI, the company that does the school supplies boxes. There were 700 other schools in the drawing.
- Teacher Rep Elementary West (Mary Beth Brierton): The Chicago Percussion assembly was enjoyed by all the students.
- Teacher Rep Intermediate (Donna Essig): No report.
- Teacher Rep Intermediate (Elizabeth Burgess): Poet will be coming to discuss rhythm and rhyme in large assembly groups and then in individual sessions with classrooms. Last year there was an evening session including students and parents. Students wrote poems and read them to the parents.
- Teacher Rep Elementary East (Cheryl Hoeflinger): Thank you received from the Elementary East library. With the money received, the librarian purchased popular books such as Monarch books and Star Wars. New chairs for the story area will be purchased in the spring with \$1100 received from the PTA library fund.
- Teacher Rep Middle (Johanna Osharow): There will be an assembly comparing literary heroes.

- Teacher Rep Primary (Euphrasia Wallace): No report.
- New Business Middle School Associate Principal (Mike Witkowski): Requested \$499.99 for their PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports) program to purchase a variety of gift cards. Kerry Winston moved to give the approval for the PTA to give \$499.99 to the Middle School for their PBIS program. Michelle Klemz seconds the motion. The motion was made and carried.
- New Business (Polly Hergenreder): Middle School book fair will be February 23rd through the 27th.

The next PTA meeting will be Wednesday, February 4th at the Intermediate building at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.