

PTA Minutes

September 15, 2008

Meeting begin time: 7:05pm

- Introduction of PTA Board.
- Introduction of persons in attendance at the meeting.
- Recording Secretary (Cheri Blenniss): No report.
- Treasurer (Amy Martin): Beginning balance \$125,090.57. Expenditures \$53,507.00 (e.g. school supplies, Frog Guy, Good Night Sleep Tight). Estimate ending balance \$115,732.24.
- Primary VP (Annie Schladt): Need volunteers for Book Fair September 23rd and 24th from 6-8pm. Contact Annie: annie.schladt@comcast.net
- Elementary East VP (Michelle Klemz): No report.
- Elementary West VP (Rhonda Nitto): Ordered 215 more PTA calendars. Thank You's read.
- Intermediate VP (Lisa Gjelsten): No report.
- Middle School VP (Patti Shanders): No report.
- President (Polly Hergenreder): Would like to encourage more parents to join the PTA. Volunteering is not mandatory. Suggested including information regarding what the PTA is and what they do for the schools in a future newsletter. Opened idea to discussion. Those in attendance decided PTA would create a half page flier to be sent home with students. Membership tables will not be set up at Curriculum Nights because there are no volunteers to man the tables. Having a PTA membership table at Proof of Residency helped to sign up many families. "Friday Flash" information was requested to be sent out the prior Monday to the school's building administration and they will send it out to teachers to include the information in their weekly newsletters. Requested a sign off sheet to be maintained for all PTA items being borrowed. It was requested that the PTA purchase more tables to accommodate Specials Teachers and Book Fair. The cost would be \$300.00 per table. PTA should be able to purchase one or two now and budget for more in the future when needed. Tables to be stored at Intermediate. Suggested that next year the PTA mix up fast food fundraisers to include e.g. Culver's and Chili's and not just McDonald's. Jewel Shop and Share slips will be available at the end of October. Slips will be available for printing on-line and at Good Night Sleep Tight.
- Elementary West Administration (Ann Goldbach): Appreciated the teacher's breakfast at the beginning of the school year along with the table for PTA sign ups for the teachers.
- Middle (Mike Witkowski): Thank you for teacher's breakfast. MAP testing is being conducted. Johanna Osharow is the middle school's parent representative initiating ROAR, a program that teaches children proper behavior in a variety of settings.
- Primary (Lori Casey): Thank you for teacher's breakfast. Cultural Arts program is coming up. Is looking forward to a great year. Appreciates the PTA.
- Intermediate (Kent Ashton): Team leaders have been chosen; will alternate at the PTA meetings. Thanked Becky Saul for a successful Book Fair.
- Barnes and Noble (Debbie Smart): Spoke regarding their "Shop and Share" program. The fundraiser began three years ago and has proven to be very successful for organizations. Our fundraising date will be November 14, 2008. PTA will receive a percentage of the contributions. Wish lists will be provided to teachers. Items that will not qualify include memberships, gift cards

and magazine subscriptions. Everything else in the store will be qualifying merchandise including the cost of pre-ordered Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes for the holidays. The store will be ours to personalize from decorating the display windows with student art, to the band performing and having local children's authors for signing of books. A portion of the monies received from this event will go back to our libraries.

- Book Fair (Becky Saul): Intermediate book sales \$22,117.00 with our profit \$5,299.00. She used PTA manager to organize volunteers. It was very easy to coordinate. Success of the book fair attributed to the date of the event being two weeks after Labor Day.
- Campbell's Labels (Polly Hergenreder): 87,000 labels were collected 2007-2008 school year. Wanting to reach 100,000 labels collected this school year. Encouraged all families to collect and send in labels.
- McDonald's Fundraiser (Cheri Blenniss): Our first fundraising night is Monday, September 22nd. Set up a play date and have a good time while helping the PTA raise money.
- eScrip (Cheri Blenniss): Encouraged parents to fill out Dominick's Fresh Value form with their Fresh Values card number. Once enrolled the PTA will earn a percentage of the total monthly sales per family. Sign up with eScrip at www.escrip.com and register your Fresh Values Card.
- Market Day (Polly Hergenreder): Profits are up this month attributing sales to Proof of Residency. There will be a special order form distributed to the teachers to purchase pies along with taste testing samples.
- School Supplies (Cara McFaggen): 2,840 total boxes sold for 2008-2009 school year with 297 sold at Proof of Residency.
- Spirit Wear (Kim Stams): Sales at Proof of Residency went well. Will have sales profit amount at the next PTA meeting. Spirit Wear order form is due back September 22nd. Pink shirts will be available soon and can be viewed on the district's website. The pink shirts are non-returnable.
- Teacher Breakfast (Diana Melander): There were 900 pieces of bagels and sweets to feed the teachers. Intermediate added healthier items to balance out their meal. Asked if we could provide healthier items next year and the response was "No, keep it the same."
- Teacher Representatives: No report.
- Elementary East is asking the PTA to purchase three basketball funnel hoops for their playground costing \$1,804.31. Questioned if that amount includes installation. No one from Elementary East present to answer question. Tabled until the next PTA general meeting.
- Mary Beth Brierton handed out informational sheets regarding the high school referendum.
- Annie Schladt questioned if a separate fund could be established aside from the Principal's Fund to cover field trip expenses for children. The answer was "No, it's up to the discretion of each principal on how they use their funds."
- Next meeting will be a General Meeting on Wednesday, October 15th at 7pm upstairs in the Intermediate Multipurpose Room. Jim McDermott and Ricco DeMorte will be addressing cyber bullying and internet safety prior to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.