

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Attendees: Lisa VanAernam, Lisa Brown, Angie Clizbe, Monica Poitras, Karen Miller, Steve Pratt, Corky Fisher, Jennifer Hickok, Patricia Sotero, Jen Sponable, Nadeen Rizzo, Jessi Stuart

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept - Karen Miller and Steve Pratt

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Monica Poitras and Karen Miller

Note: Please refer to the comments at the bottom of the Treasurer's report. There have been several instances where the money count and auditing paperwork aren't in sync.

Reminder to be careful when completing the appropriate paperwork and counting the funds.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality: Thank you notes from Shelly Barnum and Birthday Celebrations.

Central Council:

Dinner was held in November. Acknowledged items in each of the buildings and new IRS tax forms for this year.

School Store: Huge success with new merchandise! Decision made to not open during the days of the "Santa's Workshop" event.

Popcorn Sales: Going well. This week's offering is that if you purchase 4 bags of popcorn, your name will be entered to win 1 of 10 movie passes. Good luck!!

Fundraiser:

- Cookie Dough Order forms will be going home soon. Runs January 4th through January 18th.

Box Tops/Tools for Schools/Campbells/Hannaford/Ink Cartridges:

- Submitted ~\$349 worth of Box Tops for redemption.
- Submitted ~5000 points for the Campbells soup labels.
- Tools for Schools – keep an eye on the special coupons that you are given with your receipt. Sometimes there are extra Tools for School points on them instead of a food coupon.

- PLEASE KEEP SENDING IN ITEMS! THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR SO FAR!

- Book Fair was a big success. Deposited \$1083.21. We also earned many credits for merchandise for the library and classrooms. Each class will also be provided books courtesy of the PTA.
- Next Book Fair will be end of May beginning of June

Old/New Business:

- Founder's Day – Theme "Reading is Cool". Baskets will need to be ready for the Founder's Day dinner and Library early January. Notes will be sent home asking for donations.
- Family Fun Night/Movie Night – Feb. 29th. Will be doing a District-wide coordination along with the Wellness Program. There will be cooking demonstrations, etc. Jansen Avenue PTA will be responsible for providing 2 "G" movies.
- Santa's Workshop: December 12th and 13th. Students will have an opportunity to purchase gifts. All merchandise is \$1. Come have cookies with Santa the evening of December 13th.
 - If you are able to bring along a baked good to donate for the 13th, please do so.

Principal's Report:

- Sign Language Class started this morning! 35 students have signed up to participate.
- Yearbook layout is already being developed.
- Photography Club is coming along. Students are learning new techniques. Going to also start to do some videography sessions.

- Bully Box – successfully being used by students. There is a box in the Nurse’s office for students to leave notes for the Principal regarding any situations of bullying. Have had success in targeting situations. Please encourage your children to report any instances they encounter.
- 4th, 5th and 6th Graders are participating in “E-Pals”. Approval forms have been sent home. Very curriculum supported. No IM language. Want to open up communication with children in other countries ie Argentina, Mexico, etc. Incorporating technology in learning.

Additional Notes:

The television show “Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader” will provide the school with \$1000 towards a computer lab if the question is used on the show. Will get details and start getting the JACD working on creating surveys so we can make a submission.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Next Meeting:

January 8, 2008 at 6:30pm in Jansen Avenue School Library. Remember; let’s make 2008 great!