

Jansen Avenue PTA Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 7th, 2007

Attendance: Lisa VanAernam, Michelle Heroth, Karen Miller, Barb Fisher, Elena Willett, Angela Clizbe, Chris Clizbe, Jill Richardson, Shari Braemer, Jeffrey Fisher, Corky Fisher, Jen Hickok, Steven Pratt, Patricia Sotero, Mary Kay Weis.

Welcome Pledge: Lisa VanAernam President

Secretary's Report: Chris Clizbe motion to accept, Karen Miller 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: Angela Clizbe motion to accept, Karen Miller 2nd.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

Thank you note from Mary Eagan for February birthday treat. Thank you from Mrs. Sotero, Ms. Coons, and Mrs. Neilon for the gift certificates for Christmas. Thank you from Mrs. Sotero for birthday treats for January and February. Thank you from Kathy Sullivan for the treats at the board meeting.

We received an invitation for the Unveiling of the Adirondack Ecosystem Mural on 2/28/07 4:30 at Warren Street Elementary Lobby.

Central Council:

Police sill working on trying to catch the guy who has been approaching the children in a silver blue car. He is back in the area. They held a self defense presentation on 02/01/07 and are discussing possibly holding one at each school for adults and children. They were also discussing having the schools be safe havens if a child feels threatened or scared...possibly having a bell at the front door that the custodians would be able to hear.

Michelle Boyer award – Jim Wyzockowski and John Connery.

City Wide Award – Karen Coppola.

Reflections: as of 1/08/07 all reflections entries are on display at the library.

Popcorn Sales: Going well, the next one is next week.

Founders Day: Winners for Jansen are Miss Hickok, Ms. Pellegrino, and Chris Clizbe.

Founders Day Basket: Parents Survival Basket. As of today there have been no donations for this basket we need to have it done by Monday. Mrs. Sotero will send out another flyer requesting any donations for this. Also anyone may contact Lisa VanAernam over the weekend and drop anything off at her home for this basket.

School Store: Doing very well.

Fundraisers:

Cookie Dough: We had \$5500.00 in orders not sure what the profit was yet, however we did much better this year than last year. Delivery will be on 2/15/07 from 3:10-3:45.

Chinese Auction: The auction will be extended until 02/14/07 as we just started selling tickets today.

Old/New Business:

Box Tops/Campbell's Labels/Ink Jet Cartridges: Continue sending these in as these are still going on.

Book Fair: The next book fair will be May 30-June 4. Buy 1 get 1.

Request For Refreshments for Teachers Meeting: The teachers have a 2 hour meeting immediately following school on 02/15/07. They do not get a break for dinner and this is a mandatory meeting. Motion to budget \$100.00

for cheese and cracker and fruit platter and water for faculty meeting. Motion to accept Lisa VanAernam, 2nd Elena Willett. All in favor.

Science Fair: Steve Pratt Chairman. All set. 64 entries so far. 2/8/07 6:30 – 7:30.

Carnival: March 2, 2007. \$.25 per game. All prizes are here. All of the games are set. Check with welding company regarding a helium tank for balloons. Barb Fisher will send home a flyer for refreshments and additional volunteers for this. She has 25 volunteers so far, but needs around 35.

Principals Report:

We have a new Kindergarten student Jonnie Stuart and her Mom Jessie Stuart wants to volunteer for school functions.

Also a new face at the PTA meeting was Sheri Braemer who has a son in Kindergarten. Mrs. Braemer is also the instructor for the computer classes that were held here at Jansen in January.

The Shared Decision Making Team came up with a few ideas as to how to help the Accelerated Reader Program. The first was the double points night...if you passed a test you got double points for AR. The 1st 10 students to arrive received a special prize from Mrs. Sotero. The second idea was that they contacted Six Flags and got the information about the Cabin Fever – Get on the ride program and the students read for 2 weeks and document this on the form and then become eligible to win free passes to Six Flags. We will also be doing March Madness with the top winners being able to throw a cream pie at Mrs. Sotero again.

The student council raised \$235.00 for Hat Day on one day.

Pennies For Patients: This is going on all month. Mrs. Sotero had a 2nd grade girl's grandmother call her and said that the child wanted to donate all of her money that she had been saving to buy her mother a big teddy bear for Valentines Day to Pennies For Patients...she donated \$32.00. Mrs. Sotero had a big teddy bear that she was going to give her for her mother.

Spelling Bee: This went well. Mrs. Sotero had a young girl tell her that she couldn't do the spell off because she saw the word when it was pulled out of the box. Mrs. Sotero that she was a person of good character and she called the child's parents that night to tell them how proud she was of this child.

Box Tops: Mrs. Sotero had a lot of box tops that needed to be sorted through and packaged and she had a group of kids that came in at recess and they played music and cut the box tops to help her.

Mrs. Sotero is all set for the 100 Day Celebration – they will be having a homemade cake and she has 100 prizes to be given away.

Dr. Seuss Day Coming Up: 3/02/07...the children are making a giant book and then donating it to the Johnstown Museum.

Article in Newspaper: Mrs. Sotero wanted to let everyone know that she spoke elaborately at the interview about Jansen and that when it was put in the newspaper a lot of what she had said was not included.

Miss Eagan and Mrs. Kollar had their students write poems and 11 students poems will be published in a book that will be available across the United States.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 13th, 2007.