

PTA meeting March 2, 2010

VP – Melissa Sites called meeting to order at 7:10pm

Treasurer's Report: January - \$4,000 grant for Arts Integration Program; January - \$162.00 earned from the Franklin Nursery night event; in February – T-shirt sells - \$150 – 200.00; Chevy's night - \$270.00; and Ice Skating - \$250.00.

The treasurer's report is available online for everyone's review.

Stem Fair - \$262.00 was used towards the lunches for the Judges; dues membership was paid in January; Scholastic Book Fair - \$2,400.00 earned to purchase magazines/books for teachers to use in their classrooms;

Question asked about plans to do a RIF; profit from book fair are take to Odenton to purchase books distributed to each child in the school – Ms. Hazel distributes based on age and grade level.

Spending on items designated by PTA; can go to warehouse anytime to purchase books; spending for books is in the budget.

Principal's Report:

- next week (Tuesday – Wednesday) MSA Testing for grades 3 – 6 – request for treats for the teacher's to be placed in Teacher's Lounge: Karen Yoho – generously donated a case of Girl Scout cookies; Generous Joe's to donate something; suggestions were made to seek out Atlanta Bread – late Monday evening you can go there around 9pm and request the day-old bread.
- thank you to teacher's, parent's who assisted in cleaning off the black top for children to have recess;
- custodial crew can only be responsible for sidewalks
- Progress reports will be coming home soon
- mix-match day will be tomorrow (3/3) – event is sponsored by the GAB group students who work w/Ms. Behe
- P-map (performance analysis) – 2nd through 6 grade; % numbers were provided (not captured) – will be taken again in April
- FAST – grades 3rd – 6th; ESOP subgroup still focusing on; looks at attendance as well; children who are absent more than 5 or more times; not divided by excused or unexcused absences; disciplinary actions – 13 this year for suspensions
- PBIP – Positive Behavior Incentive Program – parent shadowing is also included in this program;
- question about the school budget cuts – how does our school factor in at this point: enrollment – 608 this year; staffing; no information at this time on how our school will be affected;
- welcoming of councilwomen, Ingrid Turner; Greenbelt PD – Kelly (?) who was sitting in for Cpl. Parker – she will be participating (handling) the Spring Fair Bicycle Rodeo
- Grants – partnering w/councilwomen Ingrid Turner whose office provided a \$1,000 grant for the purchase of 10 tricycles for the kindergarten program;

- councilwomen Turner made mention of the Obesity campaign and her efforts to incorporate this achievement into that program as well; the money will go towards the purchase of 10 helmets; the tricycles have already been ordered
- Bike rodeo – ride safety, registering your bikes will occur during the Spring Fair as well;
 - 2 GES teachers have passed the National Board Certification: Beth Novick and Lisa Hazel to be honored during either April's PTA meeting or May's Multicultural dinner event; mention of an Honor's program event to be held at Charles Flowers HS; presentation to Vanessa Zanin – who will be recognized on 3/8 for all that she has done in beautifying the school and community; PTA will take her to dinner before the ceremony; the ceremony will be at 7:30pm – reception before actual presentation at the City Council building, Rosalyn Johnson of the school board and other legislative representatives will also be there.

Board work: nominations to fill current board vacancies: Carolina Napp – secretary
Sheila Lindsay – VP for Legislation motion to approve – motion carried

There will be a meeting at the Gardner's home on 3/10 at 7:30pm to discuss more about the nominations and positions; ability to delegate is key to the positions.

Discussion about sending forth a delegate to the Council of PTA for PGC – president of the council is Teresa Sanders; the delegate is appointed by the board; the Council of PTA offers a program to train new officers.

Finance: motion to spend money for the following:

\$499 to purchase a shed to house the tricycles – seconded by K. Debalko, motion carried

Motion to pay up to \$200 for the tuning of the pianos for the music class during mid-year tuning.; friendly amendment to the motion: before the concert, earlier if climate control system is in place – 2nd by Jon Gardner; discussion about Ms. Case seeking to obtain some climate control systems for the pianos from the county. motion was carried and carried on the amendment

Motion to pay up to \$200 for traffic cones used to manage the am/pm traffic (Brian Mangino), to purchase up to 6 cones; question: is there a body that can assist in providing the cones – Office Kate indicated that she would check w/Greenbelt PD; motion to move PTA to authorize the purchase of the cones up to \$200 as needed – 2nd by Gardner – motion carried.

Acknowledgements: thanks to those who assisted with the t-shirt inventory; Lauren for getting people together for the events: Feb. 27 – Ice Skating – Herbert Wells Ice Rink; Behnke's – bar code day – bring them in for scanning; gift card sales – giving out for those who make a purchase (great for Mother's day) 20%