

# General Membership Meeting

Thurston Elementary PTA

April 13, 2010

The General Membership meeting of the Thurston Elementary PTA was called to order in the TES library at 6:33 pm by President April Uffens.

## Approval of the Minutes

- March Minutes were read by Sherry as there was no meeting in January.

**Action Item:** Sarah Johnson motioned to Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

## Teachers Report

- Krisin Archer and Sarah Johnson gave report on 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade.
- Talked about the new math focal points, the ballet field trip and the unit they are doing on the human body. There was discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup> grade being a transitional year for students and how much they have to learn before 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

## Principal's Report

- Shari announced that Family Reading Night would be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> and that PTA was buying books for the non-Title I Families.
- The no-excuses banner is on its way.
- The lottery Scratch Off fund raiser would be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>. There would be 4 people total scratching for our school that morning at Valley River Center.
- Primary Battle of Books would be March 14<sup>th</sup> at the District Office.
- SMART reading program may be back at TES next year.
- Shari organizing a scrap book class through PTA with Amanda Rice.
- The church that rents the school on Sundays is purchasing picnic tables for the courtyard and will be bringing teachers lunch during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Was thinking of doing a free assembly for students that involved Yo-yo's and would it be OK to have them to sell during the school week.

## Library Report

- Teena said that April is National Poetry Month
- She needs volunteers for the Book Fair that will be held in May. April will forward volunteer information to her as she receives it.
- Teena Seckler announced her retirement as of the end of this school year.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Request**

- Jocelyn Mendelsohn requested \$2.00 per 5<sup>th</sup> grade student to help cover the cost of memory books that are done every year. There was discussion and PTA decided to add this to the budget as a line item every year.
- April suggested that 4<sup>th</sup> graders hold a 50/50 raffle at Family Fun Night to raise money for next year.
- Jade suggested that the funds be re-allocated from the assembly line item to cover cost.

**Action Item:** Jobina moved to re-allocate funds and the motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **IXL Math Update**

- Lorene Corgain gave an update on the ICL Math program offered on-line. Several teachers expressed interest in using the program but it did not have support school wide yet. She raised enough money to cover the cost in her room this year and suggested that teachers request a nominal sum of money with school supplies to help cover the cost and PTA could also supplement.
- PTA decided to add this to the budget for next year based on teachers who had committed to using the program at this time. If teachers wanted to come on board later, they would have to wait until the following year to have PTA supplement their classrooms.

### **New Business**

- College Savings Plan seminar to be offered on April 27<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion and it was decided that if more parents did not RSVP, it would be cancelled and re-scheduled for sometime next year.
- April gave Family Fun Night overview and asked if people still needed volunteers.
- Toni announced Papa's Night talked about fundraiser for Coco.
- Jade gave an update on the Jog-a-Thon and it was suggested that it be held during the PE time for each class. She would look into prizes.
- Toni asked if PTA thought a dance would be a fun idea in place of one of the craft nights. It would be a family event. There was discussion about a barn dance in the fall and having line dancing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by April Uffens.