

General Membership Meeting

Thurston Elementary PTA

May 11, 2010

The General Membership meeting of the Thurston Elementary PTA was called to order in the TES library at 6:35 pm by President April Uffens.

Treasurer's Report

- Jade presented a revised budget to account for items that are over budget. This is in keeping with PTA Standards. There will be a line for beginning cash, and items were changed to reflect current expenses and income.

Action Item: Jocelyn Mendelsohn moved to approve. Motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

- Jade presented the monthly treasurers report. This will continue to be presented monthly and it will be posted on the PTA website.

Guest Speaker

- Brett Yancy, organizer of the wellness council, presented the new wellness directive that will be implemented in the school district. The directive encourages schools to serve healthy choices at any event that is directed at a student audience. This could affect the food choices offered at PTA events, during fundraisers and as student incentives.

Teachers Report

- 5th grade teachers reported on passion projects, research projects that are being done.
- 50/50 raffle raised \$141.00 for memory books. It was decided that the school will handle keeping track of that money.
- Discussed "We the People," EWEB kits and charity projects.

Principal's Report

- Discussed Title I requirements and benchmarks that are currently in place. Discussion took place regarding interventions for students that are struggling.
- Family Reading Night will be taking place this month. Title I will purchase build a books to be done with the children. Invitations were sent to Title I families and a reminder will go out to the rest of the student.
- The school will hold a raffle for Coco's family to help with expenses and her funeral will be held on the 22nd at St. Alice's. Staff will continue to seek out ways to help the family.

- The 5th grade scholarship is still in the works and will be awarded before the end of the year. Kate will look into having savings bonds donated.
- A fourth grade classroom will be added next year and Teena Seckler will be retiring. There will be a new second grade teacher. Mrs. Llewellyn will be splitting her time between the library and a Title I position.
- Shari would like to consider Pennies for Peace as a service project next year.

Library Report

- Poetry focus just finished in April.
- Book Fair is currently going on.

New Business

- April said that Family Fun Night was a success and has asked for constructive criticism and suggestions for next year.
- Shari has a volunteer for the bouncy house next year.
- Jade reported that we made about \$4500.00
- Jade talked about the Jog-A-Thon that will take place in June. There was discussion on where to have students run and the prizes that they would receive.
- Jade also reported that we had a boost in e-scrip from sales at Safeway in the month of April.
- Shari expects to break ground on the track during the summer. She will be asking for volunteers.
- Summer asked if the school would interested in doing a run as a celebration once the track is finished.
- Toni asked about doing a memorial for Coco and discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 by April Uffens