

Home & School Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 28, 2008

(Please note that these minutes are not yet approved and subject to correction)

I. Call to Order: 2:02 pm

II. Minutes: The minutes from January 24, 2007 were reviewed. Cyndee Weinstock moved to accept and Deb Misbin 2nded.

III. Treasurer's Report: Deb Misbin noted that the HSA gave \$500 to the Project Mentoring Program run by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Williamson which helps kids in need of a mentor. This money will go to purchasing fishing equipment which can be used again and again. It was also noted that \$300 was donated to Heritage Day. Teri Dodaro motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Deb Misbin 2nded. The report was accepted.

IV. Dr. McAneny's Report: The following was discussed:

The District has said that the schools can no longer carry a Student Activities Fund so accordingly, Dr. McAneny has been distributing the money to student events. Approximately \$1000 has been used for events such as Artist in Residence, Reading Olympics, and Heritage Day. There may be some upcoming events that will need financial assistance once this fund is depleted and the HSA may be asked to contribute.

PSSAs are coming up in April. Attendance is crucial! The State of PA expects 100% participation in the PSSAs. Although we are currently approximately at 90% proficiency in Math and 88% in Reading, the goal is to be at 100% by the year 2014.

There was an impromptu Fire Alarm this past week. It took the kids approximately 2:13 minutes to get out of the school and the fire department about 12 minutes to arrive on the scene.

The School will soon be practicing a Lock Down Drill. All teachers have laptops in their rooms so that they can converse via email; they have phones in their classrooms and there are 4 walkie talkie per grade levels. We also have a loud speaker system by which to communicate. Dr. McAneny also noted that he has a "Magic Button" that if pushed automatically goes to 911.

V. Upcoming Events and New Business:

Kindergarten Orientation: Volunteers are needed to lead tours to prospective parents and Kindergartners on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 9:30. Deb Misbin asked Cyndee Weinstock to send out an email seeking those volunteers.

Upcoming Elections: The following positions have candidates: Co-President: Cyndee Weinstock; Vice President: Liz Santucci; Co-Secretary: Jill Moynahan; Treasurer: Kim Waite. We are still in need of another Co-Secretary.

Manners Assembly: Deb Misbin noted that more research is needed to finalize this program so this event may be moved until next year.

Books Alive: Deb Misbin spoke on behalf of Michelle Vervilied who says that 3 more volunteers are needed. Michelle Keller volunteered to be one.

Diversity Day: Michelle Keller reported that we have 4 countries represented and approximately 20 registrants. We need more volunteers to make this event run. It was clarified that there is a budget available for this event so that those who wish to sponsor a country should have the funds to cover the costs of the table. Brainstorming was done to cover ideas of how to get local restaurants to donate appropriate food, local businesses to donate items of interest to the countries and names were floated for possible Countries.

Assemblies: The next assembly is in April. Next year there is one assembly planned. Such topics suggested for an assembly was a possible Police Safety Program.

VI. Meeting Adjourned:

Deb Misbin motioned to adjourn the meeting and Michelle Keller 2nded at 3:04p.m.

Next HSA Meeting is March 27, 2008 at 2:00pm.