

## **Margaret Black Elementary PTO Meeting April 13, 2010**

Kristine Grabowski called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Present at the meeting were Kristine Grabowski, President; Nicole Bonucchi, Vice President; Emily Hughes, Secretary; Carrie Wyffels, Treasurer; Mrs. Caruso, Principal.

Parents present were: Mike Burton, Lisa Harness, Beth Kraemer, Colleen Beattie, Dave Grabowski, Jennifer Terry, Anita Olsen, and Deborah Taylor.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- A memo was sent to the teacher's on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The board felt it was necessary to cut field trip monies before the reimbursements started coming in because we were down in every fundraising effort from what we budgeted. We will revisit this issue once we see what kind of profit we make from the family fun fair.
- \$2161 was the profit from cookie dough sales
- Treasurer's report for March was presented
  - Motion to approve treasurer's report: Jen Terry
  - Seconded: Mike Burton
  - Motion passed

### **Secretary's Report:**

- Secretary's report for March was reviewed
  - Motion to approve: Anita Olsen
  - Seconded: Colleen Beattie
  - Motion passed
- Question was asked of what media was at the talent show. It was taped for the local stations but we didn't ask the papers to advertise ahead of time.

### **Principal's Report:**

- March was Reading Month. The goal for the school was 3000 books. The school read almost 6000! Because they achieved their goal, they earned movie and popcorn. The 1<sup>st</sup> graders, for example, had a theme of the Olympics. They just had their closing ceremonies and marched around the school with their medals.
- Mrs. Lariviere had her 30<sup>th</sup> year and is retiring. Next week, Wednesday will be her last day. There will be a permanent substitute for the remainder of the year.
- Report cards go out on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3, 4, & 5 will get their MEAP scores. They did really well.
- On April 21<sup>st</sup> Black Elementary will be awarded Green School status. Schools needed to complete 10 activities to get this status. Mrs. Ciak and Mrs. Caruso are receiving this award at the Warren Consolidated Board of Education meeting. Our school has worms that compost the waste from the lunchroom. "Mother Earth" will be visiting the students on Earth Day. Students collect paper for the paper recycling in the parking lot. These are some of the activities that our school participates in that helped us achieve "green status". Some of the students from the recycling club are presenting for the board members at the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

- Conferences will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Conferences do not always have to be bad, feel free to have one and discuss the good things that have gone on this year.
- Mrs. Caruso wanted to touch on Internet safety. Children must be 13 years old to have a “Facebook” account. You can never be too cautious. Make sure you check the browser history on your family computer.
  - Beth Kraemer suggested help on the PTO website on how to check the browser history for parents that may not know how.

### Committee Reports:

- **Market Day** - Angie Burton: Market Day made \$217 last month and \$1547 year to date.
- **Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels**– Kirsten Fiori and Wendi Kenny: Continue collecting your labels for the upcoming year. We are looking for someone to chair these committees. Jen Terry said she would chair a committee.
- **Cookie Dough** – Deborah Taylor: We didn’t raise as well as we did in past years. Deborah thanked Lisa and all who helped. We earned over \$2000, which is still a good number.
- **Birthday Books** – Colleen Beattie and Patti Wilson: There are about 85 books left. There are 80 kids for May and June. If we give out books for July birthdays also, we would need to order more books. Sue Trost will be helping next year.
- **Health Council** – Lisa Harness: Lisa attended a meeting 2 weeks ago. The Health Council thanks the PTO. The Angel Food Network is a good place to check out. They have prepaid orders. Lisa suggests a laundry basket to pick up your order. It works well for elderly and has separate tables for things such as a diabetic diet. You can check out more from the Warren Consolidated website.
- **Family Fun Night** – Mike Burton: we are still looking for volunteers. We are picking up the prizes and candy. The donations are still trickling in for the baskets. We have about 50 volunteers so far. We may need to make 2 shifts instead of 3 because of the decrease in volunteers. We are checking into NHS students to volunteer also.
- **Public Relations** - Nicole Bonucchi: The Sentry is covering the Green School presentation. Teri Laws will help us get a hold of the press.

### Old Business:

- **Author Pam Flowers** – the kids enjoyed the assembly. There was a slide show and she talked about her dog sleds.
- **Hats for Health Council** – this day brought in \$106.75.
- **Applebee’s Pancake Breakfast** – thank you to Joe for chairing this event and bringing in the sausage! We made \$159.

### Ongoing Business:

- **Family Fun Night** – This was discussed under committees.
- **Family Bowling Event** – This is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at Sterling Lanes. It is a family event. This is for the first 300 people, so get your tickets soon. It is \$10/ticket and covers 2 games, shoes, 2 pieces of pizza and soft drinks. There will be a 50/50 raffle. Lisa reminds us to make sure we post the license.

### New Business:

- **Request for reimbursement for Spanish materials** – There was a receipt submitted for \$146.52 for miscellaneous classroom supplies (charts). A question was asked if the

materials stay here. Mrs. Caruso said that hopefully her staff would stay. These materials need to stay with the program.

- A motion to approve funds
- All in favor - a unanimous vote
- The request was approved.
- **My Pizza Place profit share** – This Friday is a profit share at My Pizza Place at 15 Mile and Dodge Park. We will get 10% of the entire day with the flier. They are open from 11am – 1am. There is also a flier available on the website.
- **Rainforest Assembly** – There is an assembly at 10:30 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. This is a free assembly! They bring in animals from the rainforest. There is an evening performance at Harwood Elementary. The cost will be \$5/person.
- **Teacher/Staff Appreciation week** – May 3-8. We are looking for donations from local businesses for the teachers. Would anyone be interested in donating desserts on May 4<sup>th</sup> for the teachers? We were also thinking of having the students write thank you notes to their teachers.
- **Deneweth's spring flower sale** – Located at 22 and Hayes Rd. They will bring a truck and sell flowers from our parking lot. They will give us 20%. Eckerds Nursery will sell gift cards but doesn't bring a truck.
  - BD's Mongolian was also brought up as a potential fundraiser.
  - Anita also suggested a "kid's fitness in motion" class. She knows a certified trainer. Mrs. Caruso said there are many steps to go through, like a background check. We can look into this for next year.
- **Nomination for 2010/2011 PTO Board** – anyone interested in nominating someone for the board next year please place their name in the PTO mailbox by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We may stay on the board for next year but need extra parent support. We need strong committee support and need to network with our grades or extracurricular activities.

**Question and Answer:**

- Does MJR do a profit share?
- We will look into.

Next meeting will be May 4th

Motion to adjourn: Beth Kraemer

Seconded: Mike Burton

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:02pm

Please check the school website for additional information: [www.wcs.k12.mi.us/black/](http://www.wcs.k12.mi.us/black/)

**2009/2010 PTO Board**

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