

Margaret Black Elementary PTO Meeting March 2, 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 and Teacher representatives Mrs. Mast, Mrs. Walivaara, and Mrs. Cirocco.

Parents present were: Mike and Angie Burton, Lisa Harness, Beth Kraemer, Kim Mericer, Connie Cleary, Carlo Bonucchi, Dave Grabowski, Reena Kazmi, Jennifer Terry, Gina Ibri, and Cathy Brown.

Thank you for the good turn out tonight.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report for February was presented
 - Motion to approve treasurer's report: Lisa Harness
 - Seconded: Beth Kraemer
 - Motion passed

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary's report for February was reviewed
 - Motion to approve: Kim Mercier
 - Seconded: Jennifer Terry
 - Motion passed
- Question was asked of how much the valagrams made. The exact figure was unknown but a guess of over \$800.
- There was not media at the talent show. The pictures that Sal Mazola took will be given to the local paper.

Principal's Report:

- March is Reading Month. Each grade decided on a theme. For instance, the 1st graders are "reading for the gold". The school has a goal of reading 3000 books this month to earn movie and popcorn. There will be a gumball machine with stickers to track their progress.
- Mrs. Caruso thanked the parents that helped with the talent show and to Monica Orlando for chairing the event.
- Progress reports will be March 12th. Usually these only go home if the student is below a "C", but parents can always call and schedule a conference if they feel it is necessary.
- The Carleton band will be coming on the 24th to play for the school.
- March 11th is spring pictures.
- March 30th the 5th grade band will be playing for their parents at Sterling Heights High School.
- There will be a ½ day of school the last day of March.

Teachers' Representative: Mrs. Mast, Mrs. Walivaara, and Mrs. Cirocco (3rd grade)

- Please check out the shoe boxes in the display cases for Dr. Seuss and reading month.
- The 3rd grade will be making a basket of books for family fun night.

Committee Reports:

- **Market Day** - Angie Burton: Market Day has 29 customers. They profited \$189.57 this month and \$1329.18 this year. June 8th pickup has been moved to the 15th.
- **Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup Labels**– Kirsten Fiori and Wendi Kenny: The students brought in about 946 labels. The first place class was Mrs. Parada, with Ms. Borkowski and Mrs. Kennaugh in second and third.
- **Birthday Books** – Colleen Beattie and Patti Wilson: are going well.
- Health Council – Lisa Harness: Hat Day will be March 10th. The students can pay \$1 to wear a hat and the money goes to needy families within the district.
- Cookie Dough – Deborah Taylor: all orders were turned in. Sales totaled \$5403 and our profit was \$2161.20. Cookies come in March 23rd and can be picked up from 3:30-7pm. Thank you Deborah for chairing this fundraiser.
- **Family Fun Night** – Mike Burton: we are still looking for volunteers. We are getting quotes for inflatables. Donations are coming in for the raffle baskets. Each grade level is making a basket and the 3rd graders are making a reading basket.
- **Public Relations** - Nicole Bonucchi: a note will be sent out to let the parents know when the talent show will air on the local channel.

Old Business:

- **PTO Popcorn sale** – the kids enjoy the popcorn days.
- **Request for Media Center funds** – a check was given to Mrs. Lariviere for the renewal of magazine subscriptions for the media center.
- **Valagram Sale** – the student council did well with this event. We believe they collected over \$800.
- **Ink cartridge collection** – We are always collecting used ink cartridges. We can get money for name brand cartridges and the others we recycle. A box is located in the front office.
- **February Profit share at Dan Good Pizza** – We made \$97 at this profit share.
 - The idea was brought up of having a monthly pizza profit share, possibly switching between a few different places. The consensus was a “Yes”.
- **Talent and Art Show** – Thank you to Monica Orlando, Laura Secchi, Nancy Mazola, and Nicole Bonucchi. You did a great job! Kudos to Mr. Palo for his part. He seemed to be glowing that night! The show was a success, but wasn't easy.

New Business:

- **Author Pam Flower visits** – There will be an assembly March 12th to celebrate reading month with Pam Flower. She has written children's books with a topic of sled dog racing.
- **Hat for Health Council** – \$1 collection on March 10th.
- **Applebee's Pancake Breakfast** – the breakfast will be at the Applebee's on Van Dyke on March 20th. Fliers went home for advance tickets and there are additional forms in the vestibule.
- **Family Fun Night** – We are still looking for volunteers to make this night happen. We need about 60 parents.
- **Family Bowling Event** – Will be held on May 16th. We are waiting on a few bids from bowling alleys before we determine the place. Hopefully we will hear from all of them this week.

- **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 April 12th.

Question and Answer:

- Are teachers helping with family fun night?
 - There is a sign up sheet in the teacher's lounge.
- How much did we make in box tops?
\$1206.50
- The PTO will no longer be accepting personal checks. Money orders and cash only. There were too many insufficient checks and the PTO had to cover the fees.
- Is there a family fun meeting scheduled?
 - A meeting will be set up.
- Are the High School students coming to work for their service hours for family fun?
 - That will be determined in the family fun night meetings.

Next meeting will be April 13th

Motion to adjourn: Lisa Harness

Seconded: Mike Burton

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Please check the school website for additional information: www.wcs.k12.mi.us/black/

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