

Margaret Black Elementary PTO Meeting May 6, 2010

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

Thank you all for coming. This is a great turnout!

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

Parents present were: Kim Mercier, Angie Burton, Jason Hughes, Pam Muehlbrandt, Jen Terry, Cathy Brown, Dave Grabowski, Nancy Mazzola, Melissa Klein, Lisa Harness, Laura Secchi, Deborah Taylor, Colleen Ciak, LaToya Petree, Gina Ibri, and Mary Konwerski.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report for April was reviewed.
- We made about \$3100 at the Family Fun Fair.
- With the profit from family fun fair, we revisited the issue of funds cut from field trips in April. Since we made more than we expected, we have about \$3200 available to allocate.
 - We went through the proposed remaining budget line by line, what we are expecting to pay out, along with our estimated profits on the upcoming activities.
 - The school's laminator quit working today and Mrs. Caruso has put in a request for funds. The laminator, including a 1year warranty and 1 year supply of film would be \$2700.
 - Field trips were also brought back up as to whether or not it is too late for this year and to possibly allocate to this line next year.
 - The question was raised as to how much it costs for bussing for field trips. It is \$43/hour for bussing.

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Kim Mercier

Seconded: Laura Secchi

Motion passed

- There was a lot of discussion about what the funds should be used for and how it should be divided.

Motion to approve the purchase of the laminator with warranty and 1 year supply of film:

Nancy Mazzola

Seconded: Carlo Bonucchi

Motion passed

- Motion to allocate the profit from the upcoming events to field trips for next year up to \$7/ student (based upon current enrollment, which would be a maximum of \$3087) in addition to the \$500 (leftover from Family Fun Fair, after laminator purchase): Lisa Harness

Seconded: Gina Ibri

Motion passed

Secretary's Report:

- Secretary's report for April was reviewed

Motion to approve: Kim Mercier

Seconded: Angie Burton

Motion passed

Principal's Report:

- Thank you Colleen and Mary for coming out tonight.
- Teacher Appreciation was this week. It was incredible and thank you PTO for all the goodies this week. We also had a thank you breakfast this morning for all the parent volunteers.
- Mrs. Coleman will be returning next year for the Media Center.
- Thank you PTO for the good job all year. It is a lot of hours. She presented hanging baskets for each of the board members.
- 5th grade pictures were scheduled for the 10th. It is now scheduled for the 11th. Wear orange.

Teacher's Report:

- Mrs. Ciak spoke about the live animals that were brought in for science. They are all going to be grouped in the library for the students to tour.
- Tuesday afternoon "SLS" came in to discuss what issues will happen in middle school. They put on skits and discussed peer pressure.

Committee Reports:

- **Market Day** - Angie Burton: Last month e made \$165.39. We had 29 customers. We have made approximately \$1700. The next two Market Day events are May 25th and June 15th. June usually goes well because it is the last one before summer.
- **Box Tops for Education** – We are still collecting Box Tops. There is a box in the front office. Gina Ibri offered to chair this committee for next year.
- **Campbell Soup Labels**– Wendi Kenny: Continue collecting your labels for the upcoming year. We are looking for someone to chair this committee.
- **Birthday Books** – Colleen Beattie and Patti Wilson: Next year Sue Trost will assist Colleen as long as we can still accommodate this in the budget.
- **Health Council** – Lisa Harness: Lisa attended another meeting. They thanked us again for our help. We are looking for someone to chair this committee. Carrie Wyffels said she would chair.
- **Family Fun Night** – Mike and Angie Burton: Angie was elated with how much profit the fun fair brought in. It was a huge success. We cut costs without paying for guitar hero (last year that service was donated) and a bouncing house. The cash cube was a big hit. The baskets were awesome and everything ran smooth. Thank you Angie and Mike for chairing this event. We made \$3100. We could always use more volunteers and thank you to some of the parents that stayed on longer to assist that evening. The security from Warren Consolidated was great and very thorough.
- **Public Relations** - Nicole Bonucchi:
 - There was an article in the Source, Sentry, and Warren Weekly about Black Elementary becoming a "green school".
 - Information for Deneweth's will be on the SHTV. Nancy Mazzola will call St. Malachy and see if they can post this date in their newsletter. Melissa Klein will check with St. Blasé. This will be May 22nd from 11-4pm. Flats of flowers are \$13.99 and hanging baskets range from \$13-35. They will accept cash, check, and all credit cards except American Express. We are looking for a few volunteers to help this day.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes from students and staff were passed around the meeting. Students have made notes about the rainforest assembly.

Old Business:

- **My Pizza Place Profit Share** – the owner had changed our percentage from 10% to 20%. He got 43 new customers. We made \$150 profit. They also donated mostaccioli and breadsticks for the teacher's luncheon. They also offer free delivery with an order over \$20.
- **Rainforest Assembly** – this assembly was awesome. The students loved it. They had monkeys, birds, and snakes. Thank you to Harwood Elementary for hosting the show that night.
- **Family Fun Night** – thank you to Mike and Angie for chairing this event. This was discussed earlier.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week** – thank you to all the teachers and staff for all your hard work. We appreciate all you do. There was breakfast, lunch, and goodies all week. Thank you to the parents that brought in tasty desserts.

New Business:

- **Family Bowling Event**– This event will be May 16th. We still have space available. The cost of \$10/person for 2 games, shoes, pizza, and a soft drink.
- **Deneweth's spring flower sale** – This will be in our school parking lot on May 22nd. Information was discussed in public relations.
- **Award for Green School** – There were 10 points in order to meet the criteria to be considered a "green school". There was a celebration at MISD. There is a flag in our vestibule. The students decorated bags and are on display in the showcase at Meijer.
- **Request from Carleton Middle School** – An eight-grade mother had contacted us and wanted to borrow the games that our parents made for family fun. They want to borrow them for their dance. They are interested in Plinko, spinning wheel, and ping pong etc.
 - No one is opposed to lending the games that will travel well.
- **Election for the 2010/2011 School Year**
 - Jen Terry accepts the nomination of Vice President
 - Emily Hughes accepts the nomination of Treasurer
 - Kristine Grabowski accepts the nomination of President
 - Beth Kraemer (in a written letter) accepts the nomination of Secretary
 - All officers were elected by acclamation.

Question and Answer:

- Does MJR do a profit share? (A question in last month's notes)
 - We forgot to get answer and will look into.

Next meeting will be June 1st

Motion to adjourn: Jason Hughes

Seconded: Dave Grabowski

Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

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2009/2010 PTO Board

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