

Jackson Avenue PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Attendees: Beth Rasmussen, Cathy Finkbeiner, Emilia Silva, Karen Higgins, Kelly Dohmann, Meredith Johnston, Pam Ison, Shari Johnston, Sylvia Guzman, Toni Orr, Tracie McCartney-Lamb, and Tracy Rinella.

Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Reports
3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Next Meeting

Key Points:

1. Opening
 - Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Tracy Rinella.
 - **Beth Rasmussen moved to approve October 10th meeting minutes and was seconded by Toni Orr.**
2. Reports
 - Principal Report <Shari Johnston> -
 - Results of the API score were 891. We placed 3rd in the district. Our goal for this school year is 900.
 - Safe Route assembly was performed with a puppet show about bike safety.
 - Character Count assembly was conducted and awards were presented to students. The older children performed skits during the assembly. This assembly will be the 1st week of each month emphasizing a different character count trait.
 - Report cards will be issued on Friday, November 16.
 - Teacher Reports <Kelly Dohmann> -
 - 5th grade cookie dough product will be received on November 15th.
 - Treasurer Report <Karen Higgins> -
 - We will be doing the mixed bag fundraiser instead of the holiday boutique.
 - We received \$115 from Save Mart, \$220 from Melo's, and \$1500 from escrip.
3. Old Business
 - Turkey Trot & Penny Wars <Pam Ison> -
 - \$4100 was collected from Walk-a-thon so far (\$1800 from penny wars).
 - A suggestion was made to Thank Uncle Credit Union in the newsletter or have the children write a Thank you note for helping us count the penny wars coins.
4. New Business
 - Holiday Gift Shop will be December 3-7.
 - Box Tops < Cathy Finkbeiner> -
 - We received \$1365.20 from Box Tops and \$800 from elabels (labels2learn.com)

- Stingray apparel <Toni Orr> -
 - 1100 sweatshirts were ordered. There were some issues with the 1st shipment being sent to the wrong address, but now resolved.
 - Calendar magnets were delivered on Tuesday.
- Mixed Bags <Tracy Rinella> -
 - We had good response with this fundraiser. We hope to receive the shipment before the holiday break.
- Upcoming family nights are Panda Express on November 15th and Texas Roadhouse on December 18th. Help is needed for Texas Roadhouse (please contact Pam Ison).
- Applying for 5013C Exemption <Tracy Rinella> -
 - Cost is \$850 (4 year payout)
 - The benefits are that we will not pay sales tax and send the 990 each year when we file.
- Spring Fundraiser –
 - Tentative May 10th or 17th
 - New games are need such as new jumpy house and duck pond. A suggestion was made to fix broken games & buy new games in January.
- Shutterfly has a PTO Storefront. Karen Higgins to research.
- Spirit cups fundraiser collected \$800.
- We are still collecting Coke product bottle caps or box cases.
- Nob Hill was added to the escrip program.
- Rally for Recess –
 - Is a promotion where a school can win a playground makeover.
 - It begins August – December where you enter codes for points from Danimals and Danonino products.
 - We will bring this topic up in the spring.

5. Next Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, December 12th at 7 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

6. Action Items

- Treasurer Report – Karen Higgins to print out report for teachers.
- Shutterfly PTO Storefront – Karen Higgins to research.

Submitted by Sylvia Guzman