

Jackson Avenue PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2013

Attendees: Aimee Holloway, Alyssa Lopez, Beth Rasmussen, Cathy Finkbeiner, Damarz Alvarez, Debra Alvarez, Emilia Silva, Karen Higgins, Meredith Johnston, Shari Johnston, Susana Balderas, Sylvia Guzman, Tracy Rinella, Trisha Bingham, and Virginia Holunga.

Agenda:

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

Key Points:

1. Opening
 - Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Tracy Rinella.
 - **Meredith Johnston moved to approve September 11, 2013 meeting minutes and was seconded by Karen Higgins.**
2. Reports
 - Principal's Report <Shari Johnston> -
 - Walk and Roll Day – The kids were very excited about it. Cathy Finkbeiner created a chart for kids to tally how they came to school (walk/carpool/bike & scooter). The teachers would like try to promote this fun activity on a monthly basis.
 - Walk for Education – We are waiting for the tally results. We were leading the pack 1 week prior to the event.
 - Neighbor to Neighbor project – The organization repainted the emergency numbers on the blacktop and built 4 backpack racks.
 - Parent conferences are scheduled for October 9th – 16th.
 - Teacher Report – None to report.
 - Treasurer's Report – <Trisha Bingham>
 - Teacher's balances are not updated yet.
 - We received \$216 from Jamba Juice, \$170 from Marquee, and \$94 from SaveMart/Lucky.
3. Old Business
 - Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser - <Tracy Rinella> - We had 10% participation with ~\$4000 in profit. Online ordering was well received.
 - Security Gate – There were some concerns that the gates were not unlocked at the release times. Shari Johnston is working with maintenance to change the locking device on the doors.
4. New Business
 - Volunteers Request Form – Tracy created a volunteer request form with open volunteer positions. The form will be sent out in the Stingray folders.
 - Spaghetti Feed for Science Camp – Tentative dates are November 1 - 2nd between 5:30pm – 7:30pm (drop in basis). The fee is \$25 per family.
 - Talent Show – We would like to have a talent show, but need someone to lead it. A rehearsal will be needed. Talent show date is TBD.
 - Yearbook – Jackie will be leading up the yearbook. She will create an online site to submit class photos.

- Turkey Trot – Instead of having the turkey trot, we will plan for a Heart Walkathon in February. Meredith agreed to help co-lead the event with Pam Ison.
- Family Movie Night – PTO is planning to have a movie night with ice cream, popcorn, and a food truck. Date is TBD.
- Beth Rasmussen presented an idea to promote our students in helping other children. The students can donate money to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). **Karen Higgins made a motion to approve the Children helping Children UNICEF boxes in the classrooms. It was seconded Meredith Johnston.**

5. Next Meeting

- Next meeting scheduled on Wednesday, November 13th at 7 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Submitted by Sylvia Guzman