

Minutes from PTO meeting  
May 5, 2011  
4 pm

In attendance: Jenny Lo, Carla Slebodnick, Nancy Massey, Micah Mefford, Carly Weber, Jen Davie, Yvonne Clark, Laura Krisch, Amy Schwartz, Jeanne Truesdell

- I. Call to Order: 4 pm, Jenny Lo conducting meeting
- II. Approval of minutes from both March and April: Carla first, Jeanne second, all approve
- III. Principal's report
  - A. Grade level changes and teacher reassignments decided by May 6
  - B. Budget freeze countywide; school board did not adopt budget at the previous Tuesday meeting (May 3)
  - C. Many schools overspent initial paper budget; schools still have paper
  - D. Lunch on lawn was a great success; reward for effective school wide discipline
  - E. A committee meets next week (May 9<sup>th</sup>) to tally results from surveys parents and staff received
  - F. Volunteer discussion: need to get and welcome volunteers; can possibly find other opportunities for volunteers (for example - lunchroom. Maybe have a volunteer supervise a manners table and do away with silent lunch)
- IV. Teachers' Representatives report: none in attendance but Mrs. Casto requested an email go out to fourth grade parents about helping with food service for 5<sup>th</sup> grade promotion
- V. Treasurer report
  - A. Purchased many Kroger cards for kindergarten orientation night
  - B. Teacher appreciation spent money and will spend rest of budget the following week for teacher appreciation week
  - C. Spring fair started spending money, using \$150 on dunk tank. Will spend rest of money for the May 6<sup>th</sup> event
  - D. Mr. Bill WILL be spending some guidance money for summer camps for kids
  - E. Mrs. Rasnake will know whether she is buying supplies or something big in a few weeks, collaborating with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade legacy project
  - F. Need to find ways to increase Kroger income, especially with more schools adopting the Kroger program
  - G. Question about PTO budget and the surplus money from year to year; explained that we save it for big purchases rather than hitting a zero balance every year
  - H. Cultural arts: not sure if 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will use their money
  - I. Money from spring pictures haven't arrived yet
  - J. Unclear if funds from On A Whim arrived; Carly offered to check on status
- VI. President's report: another superintendent meeting in end of May

- VII. Ongoing issues
  - A. Committee Chair positions for 2011-2012 year
    - a. Jane Aronson will be doing volunteer forms next year
    - b. Cindy Hill will be acting as co-chair of the teacher appreciation committee with Edith Anne Duncan
    - c. Yvonne Clark will be the committee chair for school photos
  - B. Safe Routes for School
    - a. Travel plan submitted Friday and was accepted same day
    - b. There was only a 3 week window for submission this time and not many people submitted
    - c. Proposals for grant money can be submitted in June and July
    - d. Proposed plans include extending the Huckleberry Trail to Main and First and Main, upgrading traffic lights, adding sidewalks on Draper Road and Airport, and researching lowering speed limit in school zone to 15 mph
  - C. Swing sets update: fence coming down, pave, add a grass border and a path and then the swings can go in
    - a. Jump Rope for Heart update: went well, kids had a good time, raised a few thousand dollars, and had plenty of volunteer support
  
- VIII. New issues
  - A. VOTING of new school board for 2011-2012 year
    - a. Nominations:
      - Jen Davie: secretary
      - Jeanne Truesdell: treasurer
      - Michelle Harris and Nancy Massey: co-reporters
    - b. Unanimous vote for board
  - B. Next meeting: June 2 at 6 pm
  
- IX. Open Forum
  - A. Announcement of non-PTO sponsored plant sale on Saturday morning at Beeks to raise money for YMCA and 4H garden club; plants donated by Hahn horticulture garden at VT, and they are native plants
  - B. Yvonne asked Micah about kindergarten classes coming into main building; Micah confirmed that this will likely be the case
  - C. Budget issues: county has to update building due to fire codes and find the money to finance this project
  - D. Suggestion to ask parents to donate pack of copy paper with first day of school supplies
  - E. Still need to encourage teachers to use supply room
  - F. Announcement of May 19st as last Books for Breakfast for this school year; donations of books still accepted after that date