

April PTO meeting minutes: April 7, 2011

In attendance: Carla Slebodnick, Jeanne Truesdell, Amy Schwartz, Micah Mefford, Laura Krisch, Carly Weber

I. Call to Order: 4:05 PM

II. No minutes from previous meeting. Amy will continue to look as will Carla for notes on meeting.

III. Principal's report:

- a. Playground: Dan Beranato coming Friday (4-8-11) to show where Huckleberry extension will go on school grounds. The estimated cost for 4 swings is \$1600.00 as they are space-saver swings.
- b. Academic planners: Met with Chris Blackburn and will be purchasing the "7 habit" planners for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders again for next school year. The estimated cost is \$1418.00
- c. Area rugs: not ordering area rugs that were previously discussed due to building changes and updates this summer.
- d. Safe Routes for School: still on hold. Andrew Warren is in charge. Data has already been compiled and should move faster now.
- e. Volunteer breakfast: usually hosted by front office. There was a question about where list of volunteers comes from. Someone recommended Micah check with teachers to see who has been volunteering in classes. Jeanne will provide list of people who have volunteered through PTO.
- f. Field Day: May 6th, with rain date of the 13th.
- g. Kindergarten: 90% likely that kindergarten classrooms will be in the main building next year. The final outcome will depend on the final number of students. Sixty children are already registered.

IV. No teacher representatives were present.

V. Treasurer's report:

- a. Restaurant night at Sal's brought in approximately \$260 and Sal's matched this so that the school received for a total of \$525.
- b. NBB grant of \$1,000 came in for Guest Author. \$900 went out for same event.
- c. Micah spent some discretionary money on decals for windows and t-shirts for 5th grade talent show.
- d. 5th grade legacy collection is going on. So far, \$280 has been raised, and this amount can be combined with Mrs. Rasnake's money for something larger.

VI. President's report: given by Carla

- a. Notes from Superintendent Meeting
 - i. Focused on improving volunteer programs. On April 20th from 6-8 Eric Davis (author) will host a workshop at Christiansburg Middle School on motivating volunteers. Someone suggested increasing volunteers locally by partnering

with United Way.

- ii. List of awards teachers can be nominated for. It was suggested to look into this more next year.
- iii. County has a 6 year strategic plan and each school should have a 3 year plan.
- iv. Fundraising ideas - selling coffee and baked goods at school on election days. Sales table must be at least 40 ft away from entrance of polling place.

VII. Open Issues not covered elsewhere:

- a. Guest Author- taught 3 R's: reading, revision, rewrite. Kids enjoyed visit, and teachers like it as well. Several revisions of the book were purchased, so kids could see process.
- b. Jump Rope for Heart (April 14) - low enrollment this year. Several people responded for food requests.
- c. Spring Fair- to be held the same day as Field Day, May 6th from 5-8 pm. Crossfit will sponsor an obstacle course, a karate demo will come, dinner will be provided, and inflatables as well as other activities are planned. There will likely be a dunk tank for 5th graders to volunteer in.
- d. Michelle Harris and/or Nancy Massey have been nominated for the reporter position for 2011-2012. All other board positions (president-elect, secretary, and treasurer) still have no nominations. There are still PTO committee chair positions for 2011-2012 that need to be filled.

VIII. New business

- a. Carla will go to special after school programs to announce need for volunteers.
- b. No volunteer slated for VT parking next year. We need to proceed by entering the county's VT parking pool, and find volunteer in the upcoming year.
- c. Kroger cards were ordered for sale at the upcoming kindergarten orientation. Forty cards were ordered, so leftover cards can be sold next school year as well.