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Minutes from "General Meeting" on 08/31/2006 - 9:30am

Tue, 08/28/2007 - 9:54am — Sheri Mowbray

Minutes for: General Meeting *from* 08/31/2006 - 9:30am *to* 08/31/2006 - 10:00am

Attendees:

Neil Cummins PTA

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

Thursday August 31, 2006, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Neil Cummins Staff Room

Attendees:

Dominique Harroch, Co-President; Laura Anderson, Co-President; Linda Henn, Vice President; Cindy Traverso, Vice President; Julia Ritter, Vice President; Lisa Donahue, Vice President; Carolyn Caindec, Vice President; Catherine Guthrie, Financial Secretary; Sheri Mowbray, Secretary; Karen Dunn, Treasurer; Susan Christman, Parliamentarian; Lisa Klein, Historian; Marilyn Clark, Principal; Lisa Poole; Janey Lupario; Catherine Ross; Tasmin Pessa; Sara Garcia; Grace Salk; Monica Bonny; Jennifer Newbury; Dara Gerson; Manny Ayan; Karen Bondoscruton; Kristin Lorenz; Lynn Werner; Margot Segal; Janeen Smith; Rick Barker; Heddy Chapman; Robin Steele; Julie Dougherty; Kelley Ryan; Dorian Carlisle; Melanie Watson.

Meeting Notes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:34a.m. by President Dominique Harroch.

Welcome and Introductions

Dominique Harroch welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to all for coming. She also introduced herself and co-president Laura Anderson as well as the entire board.

Dominique also announced that there will be a new District Advisory Council this year and that within that group there will be a special health and safety task force. Valerie Pitts will spearhead this for both schools.

Principal's Report

Marilyn Clark expressed great thanks to the PTA for all that we do, including the huge endeavor of getting the first backpack mail out, the Welcome Coffee in the gym and the many other things that we do. She announced exciting news that the API scores were just released and Neil Cummins' score jumped 30 points, to 918. She said this huge jump is highly unusual and very exciting. She noted that this is great for the staff, since it reflects the hard and excellent work that goes on every day in the classrooms.

Chad Carvey gave a huge thanks for the new beach cover. He said that it is beautiful and that everyone should go see it! The Kindergarten beach is the new 1500 square foot sandbox that the PTA helped to put together and fund, along with the D+ Dads. It was also noted that the cover was made by Stoich Designs for a good price. Chad also thanked all the D+ Dads and parents who came out for the workday on 8/27. Finally, he announced that the theme for this year for the kids will be "Hawk Pride Inside", encouraging kids to do good, even when no one is watching. The Hoedown will be on October 7th with a straight western theme.

It was announced that Anjana Kacker was appointed as the District Safety Rep and will be working with Chad and going to the district meetings.

Approval of 5/10/06 Minutes

Catherine Guthrie moved that we approve the minutes from the last general meeting on 5/10. Cindy Traverso seconded. The motion carried and the minutes are approved.

President's Report

Dominique reviewed the meeting schedule which has been slightly altered for the October and November general meeting times, though dates remain the same. Both of these meetings will feature parent ed speakers. Laura noted that usually general meetings are short and not full of business items and reminded members that this meeting is unusual. Dominique encouraged questions.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Dunn reviewed the year-end numbers from last year and noted that the PTA is carrying a large bank balance with an unusually high amount. One goal for this year will be to spend this money in meaningful ways and to end up with a smaller balance. The large balance is due in part to a very successful lunch program from last year. Karen then went over the proposed budget for 2006-07. She noted that the main sources of income are the lunch program, membership, and spellathon. This year's wrapping paper sales revenue will go to Hall to fund the fifth grade outdoor ed program. The PTA also spends money on giving teachers funds for field trips and fine arts, instructional supplies, and campus improvement. For example, the Kindergarten beach was PTA funded and it cost far less than expected, thanks to Chad's and volunteers' efforts. The PTA also gives money to Marilyn and Chad for various projects. This year we will be funding new cubbies for many classrooms (\$11-12k) and opening two new classrooms since not all of the expenses can be covered from other means.

Catherine Ross moved to approve the proposed 2006-07 budget and Lisa Donahue seconded the motion. The motion passed and the proposed budget was approved.

Karen then presented the following list of events and activities that the PTA sponsors which needs to be approved by the general membership:

Backpack Mail

Campus Improvement - Gardening

Campus Improvement - Sandbox Cover

District Breakfast (8/22)

Memberships

New Parent Welcome (8/24)

Officer Supplies

Pink Section & Community Page

School Sign

Spirit Wear

Volunteer Coupon Book

Welcome Coffee (8/29)

Assemblies

Bank Charges

Bike Rodeo Donation

Box Tops

Coupon Book

Classroom Equipment

Field Trips

Fine Arts Instruction

Health & Safety Support *

Instructional Supplies

Lost & Found

Lunch Program

Parent Education

Photocopy Expense

Popcorn

Room Parents

Scholarships

Substitute for Teacher Rep

Teacher Stipend

Unbilled Items from '05-06 **

Walk & Roll Program Donation

Wrapping Paper Sale (9/18-10/18)

Yearbook

BTS Event / Hoedown (10/7)

Holiday Store (12/8)

Insurance and Dues

Music Concerts (funding only)

Staff Appreciation

Science Night (funding only)

Spellathon (1/8-2/2)

Teacher Stipend

HRP/Committee Head Lunch

Kindergarten Registration (2/7)

TV Turn-off Week (funding only)

Musical Theater (3/29-3/31)

Variety Show (3/2)

PTA Convention

Honorary Awards

Programs Stipends

Staff Appreciation

Volunteer Appreciation (5/8)

* Health & Safety Support involves assisting the administration with the following:

Absentee Line Callbacks

Head Lice Checks
Emergency Phone Tree
Emergency Backpacks
Emergency Container
Emergency Manual

** Unbilled Items from '05-06:

4th Grade Class Gift
4th Grade Staff Compensation
5th Grade Staff Compensation
Birthday Books
Programs Stipends
Safe Routes Donation
TV Turnoff Week
Sports Aide

Janey Lupario moved that we adopt the presented list of events and activities for 2006-07. Lisa Klein seconded the motion. Motion carried and the list was accepted.

Karen then asked that the membership release funds for all events listed on the "NC PTA 2006-07 Events and Activities" sheet which take place during or commence in August (8), September (9), or October (10). Tasmin Pessa suggested that we change the "Bike Rodeo Donation" to September (9) as this may take place earlier than last year. The list of events for which funds should be released is as follows:

Campus Improvement - Gardening	1,000
Campus Improvement - Sandbox Cover	1,500
District Breakfast (8/22)	175
Memberships	150
New Parent Welcome (8/24)	200
Officer Supplies	750

Spirit Wear	9,500	
Coupon Book	600	
Welcome Coffee (8/29)	250	
Assemblies	3,500	
Bank Charges	300	
Bike Rodeo Donation	150	
Classroom Equipment	20,000	
Field Trips	21,601	
Fine Arts Instruction	11,300	
Health & Safety Support	450	
Instructional Supplies	10,150	
Lunch Program	103,782	
Parent Education	3,000	
Photocopy Expense	400	
Scholarships	1,500	
Substitute for Teacher Rep	900	
Teacher Stipend	2,450	
Unbilled Items from '05-06 **	7,372	
Walk & Roll Program Donation	450	
Wrapping Paper Sale (9/18-10/18)	10,000	
Yearbook	5,000	
BTS Event / Hoedown (10/7)	800	

Monica Bonny moved that the membership release said funds. Carolyn Caindec seconded. Motion carried; funds released.

VP and Committee Reports

Dominique noted that there are a few committee positions still open. Absentee line callers are still needed. Leslie Phillips is running the Absentee Line this year and needs volunteers on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30. The commitment is once a week. Also, Carol Knorpp still needs lunch shift volunteers.

- Linda Henn reported that the district breakfast went well. Backpack mail was a big undertaking and Linda has thought of a better, more streamlined way to do it next year. She thanked all the parents and kids who came to help. She also announced that a new pink section editor is needed for this year and Rick Barker volunteered.
- Julia Ritter announced that the New Parent Welcome was a big success with over 100 new parents in attendance. She thanked Cathie Lopez for her hard work and food preparation, as well as Art the custodian. She noted that emergency backpacks have been restocked for all classrooms this year, as well as the emergency supplies including water and power bars in the case of a disaster. Julia asked that everyone return the two green emergency forms that went out in backpack mail as soon as possible. Sheri Mowbray will be coordinating the emergency phone tree this year. We will be scheduling an activation test this fall. Kelley Ryan, head of the lice program, noted that 10/6 is the first school wide check. Also, this is her last year so a new person is needed for next year. Janey Lupario and Beth Hoehn are running campus improvement this year. They do a ton to keep the campus beautiful. Finally, Grace Salk is running lost and found. She asked that all parents make sure that their children's first and last names are on all items.
- Carolyn Caindec reported that the Welcome Coffee was very successful in getting sign-ups for various jobs and that there was at least one person who signed up to be head room parent for each class. She noted that Gloria Hood is the chair of membership for the PTA and asked that everyone join but the 10/23 date. There will be prizes for highest class participation levels in a World Series theme.
- Cindy Traverso announced that the Hoedown will be 10/7 from 3p-7p. Lots of volunteers will be needed. She also talked about parent ed this year which will be run by Lynn Werner, Margot Segal and Lisa Poole.
- Lisa Donahue reported that wrapping paper sales will start 9/18 and run through 10/9. The packets will be coming home in backpack mail on the 18th. The spirit wear committee is hoping to open a spirit wear store this year, possibly by converting a storage room in the second grade wing. At the Hoedown, the spirit wear team will be doing t-shirt dying.
- Jennifer Newbury reported that she is the point person for the lunch program this year and will be the point person. Carol Knorpp is in charge of volunteers and Suzanne Lawton is the vendor coordinator. There will be a tasting on 8/31 in the gym from 2:30-3:30. There are no major changes on the menu this year. There was a short discussion about there being fewer vegetarian items offered this session. Jennifer said they will try to remedy that for the spring menu and will possibly be able to offer a chow mein veggie option this time. The forms are due Weds 9/6. Kindergarten lunches will still be delivered this year, but the rest of the classes will come through by grade level. The volunteer time commitment is a bit longer this year, from 11:15-12:45.

Announcements

Marilyn announced that she will be holding a parent volunteer orientation on 9/14 at 8:30. Before volunteering in the classroom, it is important to attend this meeting.

Additional Business

Dominique asked the membership for goal ideas for this school year. Janey Lupario suggested that we consider assisting Hall with the purchase of additional playground equipment because they are lacking enough to keep the kids busy. Marilyn said that she would speak to Daniel Norbutas about considering some peaceful playground stuff like we have at NC which is not expensive and really helps. Tasmin Pesso suggested that we assist in keeping the trees alive that were planted in the fourth grade wing because some are dying.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Mowbray

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