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Attendees:

Neil Cummins PTA

Minutes of General Membership Meeting

Thursday November 15, 2007, 8:20 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Neil Cummins Staff Room

Attendees:

Laura Anderson, President; Catherine Guthrie, Executive Vice-President; Julia Ritter, Vice President; Andrea Pierpont, Vice President; Pam Bittner, Vice President; Sheri Mowbray, Secretary; Ann Trunko, Treasurer; Susan Christman, Parliamentarian; Marilyn Clark, Principal; Michelle Walker, Vice Principal; Valerie Pitts, Superintendent; Lynn Werner; Margot Segal; Laurie Dubin; Dorian Carlisle; Allison Ross; Tasmin Pesso; Sarah Notter; Amanda Conran; Kelly Fister; Monica Bonny; Ana Jawerbaum; Leslie Jacobs; Carol Ztathnich; Rimiko Berreman; David Hughes; Stephanie Philips.

Meeting Notes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:27 a p.m. by President Laura Anderson. She welcomed everyone and asked for ideas to boost attendance at our general meetings. We need a quorum of 16 to approve items and we came very close today to not having a quorum. The idea was suggested of sending out invitations to our members and letting them know the

important items we will be voting on and topics of interest to be covered.

Laura then introduced Kim Murray who is our new webmaster. We are very excited to have her. Kim is a district employee who has a small office in the tech lab area. She said she is thrilled to be taking on this project and that she is in the exploratory phase right now. She will be taking things on step at a time toward a future vision.

Principal's Report

Marilyn Clark reported that Friday Fun Night for the third and fourth grades is this Friday (tomorrow). Michelle Walker is spearheading the event. She also announced that on Saturday Valerie Pitts and the Board of Trustees will be holding a community forum to help them to put together strategic priorities for the district for the 2008-10 period. She encouraged everyone to come. Michelle Walker added that she needs just 1-2 more volunteers for Friday Fun Night. Food will be served. She also stressed that the evening is for third and fourth graders only.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Trunko presented the financial statements. She reported that we have \$12,313 in our checking account and \$23,011 in our money market account. We are still waiting for the \$73,181 from lunch to come in from the district. This amount was billed a couple months ago. She said she will be meeting with the district financial contacts to discuss how we pay each other. We paid Good Earth the first \$9,000 invoice for lunch. Unfortunately online payment for hot lunch will not be happening because of a fee imposed on Good Earth which makes it financially impossible. Ann said that teachers have started using their instructional supply, fine arts and field trip funds. Ann also noted that the Hoedown came out ahead by \$320. Ann presented the list of checks written 10/11-11/14 and asked for ratification. Susan Chrisman moved that we ratify the checks written and Pam Bittner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Valerie Pitts explained the P.O. process at the district level and stressed that she wanted to be made aware when payment delays occur. She tries very hard to get bills paid promptly. In some cases, checks need to go through multiple people which does cause delays. She also invited everyone to come on Saturday morning to the strategic planning

meeting at 8:30am at the Hall library. She said this is the first part of the district strategic planning and that another meeting will take place in February.

Approval Items

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Marilyn Clark moved that we approve the minutes from the 10/11 meeting; Andrea Pierpont seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Storage Shed Expenses

Laura Anderson explained that there are currently two PTA storage sheds located between the E & F wings. Those containers have drama props, hoedown materials, PTA archives, emergency food and water supplies, holiday store supplies, etc. We are losing some storage that has been used for spiritwear in a closet in the gym due to fire safety restrictions so we may need to purchase another shed. Plus, the kindergarten teachers say that they need a storage container of some sort for hula hoops, etc. More research will be done to make absolutely sure that we need this storage. If we do, it will cost \$6,000. The general membership needs to approve this expense today because if we are going to do it, it will be done during winter break.

Ann Trunko moved that we approve \$6,000 in expenditures for storage sheds. Pam Bittner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

Wish List Items

Laura explained that we will have about \$20,000 in surplus funds this year and we need to figure out the best way to spend the money. Currently the items being considered are:

- Sprucing up the Mohawk entrance
- Painting the blacktops to freshen them up
- More money to teachers for instructional supplies
- Storage
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- Playground equipment (we cannot afford to purchase this with the money we currently have but we can consider "saving up" for something in the

future)

- New big trees to replace the dead ones in the fourth grade wing (suggested by Tasmin Pessa)

New Teacher's Rep to PTA

Laura announced that Karen Berg will be the new teacher's rep to the PTA. Karen is a first grade teacher. Welcome!

Emergency Food Supply Replenishment

Julia Ritter announced that emergency food supplies will be sold on Friday to raise money to replenish our stocks. She would love to have help selling items if anyone is available. The items being sold expire in February.

Art Funding Request

Laura announced that the PTA received a funding request from the Art Team. The request included items such as new tables, drying racks, a portable sink, new pastel paints, an art cart and \$1,000 in teacher resources for the library. Marilyn Clark offered to fund these items through her \$10,000 grant from the PTA. Also, the third grade team asked for and received an additional \$200 for a dance program through Young Imaginations.

Additional Business

Monica Bonny invited everyone to attend the December 19th school board meeting. Michael Futterman will be retiring from the board after many years and will be honored that evening. The meeting will begin at 6pm. That same evening, Sheri Mowbray will be sworn in as a new trustee on the board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Mowbray

Upon adjournment, a safety panel spoke about numerous child safety issues.

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