

MINUTES

Samuels Elementary PTA Minutes

November 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Jenni Stottlemeyer, PTA Co-President at 6:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes

September and October minutes were approved.

Principals Report

Principal Jim Kimbrough was happy to report that bond issue 3A passed. He encouraged Samuel parents to write letters to regarding the funding for a new learning landscape at Samuels. Currently plans include: teachers and students writing thank you's, parents doing a letter campaign, and the 1st graders drew pictures to send in to insure we get the learning landscape. Jim also reported on other improvements planned for the school: new heating and cooling systems, painting, new stage curtain, and new cafeteria tables. Money will also be set aside for new computers. He is also hoping to update the outdated lab. Funds start becoming available January 1st. There was a lengthy Q and A discussion with Jim addressing parent concerns on bullying, meal supervisions, drop off traffic flow, protocol for early dismissals in the event the district closes the school and the super citizen program. There was also discussion on a crossing guard. In the past, we have utilized parent volunteers. Jim will check into the legal issues on whether we can do that. We had one parent volunteer to be our crossing guard if Jim finds that it is possible.

Upcoming Events

The Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast will be Thursday, November 20th. Food can be dropped off by starting at 7:00 am.

Fundraising

The Believe Catalog Fundraiser has ended and products were delivered Monday. The fundraiser did better this year than last. The Election Day Bake Sale was successful. Thanks to all the families and staff that donated items to the sale.

Presentation of Books to Library

A signing bonus from the Believe catalog fundraiser was used for new books in the library. Marlene Rivas presented the books to school librarian, Linda Johnston.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Suzuki could not attend so the report was given by Danielle Schreiber. She reported that the Entertainment book sales raised over \$3400. The Believe Catalog sales were approximately \$15,000 of which we will receive half. The Election Day Bake Sale receive a huge amount of donations and made \$300.

3A

Danielle Schreiber reported the bond issue for DPS funding passed on November 4th. There is a significant amount of funds that are supposed to be directed to Samuels for a new learning landscape and other improvements. A letter writing campaign will start to guarantee the funds get to our school.

RIF

The first distribution of books will be on 12/16 and 12/17. Christie McCarthy will alert the teachers of the dates and reported that we will have 3 or 4 distributions.

Yearbook

Leticia Banuelos reported that they have chosen the theme for this years yearbook, Passport of the World. She asked that if anyone takes pictures at upcoming events that they share with them with the yearbook committee. It's impossible to get to every event so any assistance will be appreciated.

Box Tops Update

A classroom contest to gather the most box tops ended. Mrs. Goodspeed's class won the popsicle party by bringing in the most. Congratulations to 3-3. Over 500 box tops were gathered which brought in about \$500 to \$600. There was a question about how the contest was communicated to families. A letter was sent out but there may have been some confusion about whether this was a classroom or individual competition.

Destination Imagination

The teams have formed. There are 4 teams; 1 non-competitive and 3 competitive. There weren't enough team leader volunteers so those kids who couldn't be placed on a team were notified.

Thank You's

Thank you's from teachers for the various events were on the display at the meeting.

Miscellaneous

Darcy Van Wagner reported on the Mile High Parents program. The programs is striving for parents to volunteer 5000 hours with their children. These hours can include: breakfast, PTA meetings, dinner and activities. There are tracking forms that parents fill out and send in on a monthly basis with prizes for plateaus. They hope to make parents more conscious of what they're doing with their children. Principal Kimbrough thought the idea is fine and we could try if we wanted to. There will be a website that you can fill out but it is not up yet. There will be flyers in the office and a fact sheet in the Thursday folders. There will also be a box in office where parents can drop off completed forms.

Website

Check out the website for lots of information and pictures at www.samuelsPTA.com

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm by Jenni Stottlemeyer.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2009 at 6:00 pm. There will be no meeting in December.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Recording Secretary

Approved on January 13, 2009