

MINUTES

Samuels Elementary PTA Minutes

January 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Jenni Stottlemeyer, PTA Co-President at 6:02 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The November minutes were approved.

Upcoming Events

- **Family Dinner and Book Fair** - The Family Dinner is planned for Thursday, February 12th in conjunction with the book fair. Whole foods has offered to donate the whole spaghetti dinner. They have offered to cook, serve and clean up the meal so we won't require a lot of volunteers. We will sell tickets to the dinner for \$2 per person in advance and \$3 at the door which should cover other expenses. The 2nd grade program is also happening. Jenni will coordinate with the Samuels kitchen staff.
- **Spring Fling** - The spring fling is tentatively happening April 2nd and Bryon Simmons will be the coordinator again. We might look at different dates. The Spring Fling will likely be a Talent show like last year.
- **Science Fair** – The Science Fair kick-off is planned the week of March 16.
- **Duck Drop** – Samuels school librarian will serve as coordinator this year. The Duck Drop was very successful for us last year and earned \$3,500.

Fundraising

We are planning a fundraiser selling World's Greatest Chocolates in February. Marlene Rivas reported that details are still being worked out. Not sure how the fundraiser would work since giving the chocolates to the kids could result in them not being returned and the difficulty to collect money for the chocolates upfront should they not be returned. So once details are worked out, fundraiser can proceed.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Suzuki reported that the PTA fund is in good shape after the two past fundraisers. He also said we needed to make sure each teacher knows that they have an allocated amount per class that the PTA will give them to help cover some of their costs. Also remind staff that we have money for scholarships available for field trips or if something comes up, we can help to provide funds to assist.

Principals Report

Mr. Kimbrough reported that he still hasn't learned a date on learning landscape. The general plan for it will be done by the district. The district is looking at 2011 but Jim is pushing to bump it up much sooner. Mayor Hickenlooper indicated that he wanted to speed up some of those projects to spur economy. Tom Bosburg to be the new superintendent knows of our desire to get it sooner. Some of the issues is that the money doesn't come in all at once so they will need to sell bonds to raise the money. With the other

monies, Jim is planning on upgrading the air conditioning first. Jim also reported that ECE through money they had will add two mobile classrooms and will add at least one full day ECE classroom next year. Also a half day may be added. He also indicated that Samuels is at the top of the district's list to upgrade our computer lab.

Earth Day Tree Planting

Parent, Pallas Quist, is coordinating a tree planting for the students on Earth Day, April 20th. About 6 trees will be donated and the kids can help plant them so they can watch them grow. Jim is trying to get approval from DPS. Pallas will coordinate with teachers and figure out the best plan for going about the project.

Box Top Update

The last round of box tops hasn't been sent in yet. We have about 700 to send in but more can still be dropped off in the office. Another contest is being considered to collect more.

MLK Day Health Fair

Kaiser Permanente is offering free preventive health screenings and services to children and adults in need in our community on Monday, January 19, 2009 from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm at Manual High School, 1700 E. 28th Avenue, Denver, CO. For more information, please call (303) 344-7960. Jenni volunteered to make a banner and put it up in the hall to let students/parents know.


Questions

There was a question on the date of the 5th grade program to help determine the date for the Spring Fling. Jim suggested maybe planning it the same day as Field Day and a make it an all encompassing event. Jim also suggested that we use the park across the street for Field Day. PTA could put up a water station or something. The permit would be easy to get. There was some discussion to the logistics of doing this and also safety concerns but something to think about.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm by Jenni Stottlemeyer.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Recording Secretary

Approved on