

MINUTES

Samuels Elementary PTA Minutes

February 10, 2009

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

Approval of Minutes

The January minutes were approved.

Family Dinner and Book Fair

The Family Dinner will be held on February 12th. Whole Foods is graciously donating the fixings for a spaghetti dinner. Danielle and Jenni will pick up the food products on Wednesday the 11th at 9:00 am. The school kitchen will be available to us starting at 3:30 pm. Danielle has posted a volunteer sign-up sheet for teachers and also sent an email requesting help. Vicky McPheron will coordinate the dinner Thursday night and has called parents that have volunteered. Pre-sold tickets will be held at the cashier table. So far 79 tickets have been pre-sold. Jenni will put up a sign in front hall. Dinner will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. The fifth grade will also hold a bake sale during the dinner. Marlene Rivas sent a letter home in the Thursday folders asking for donations and has received 15 responses so far.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Suzuki reported that we have exceeded our fundraising goals. If there are special needs or things that would benefit the school, please let the PTA know and we can possibly help out.

Earth Day Tree Planting

Pallas Quist reported that the project is underway. The planting will be held on Earth Day, April 20th. The trees will be delivered the Saturday before. She reports that we have had 8 responses from teachers interested in doing the planting as a class project. We have responses from every level (ECE to 5th). Pallas will set up specific times when teachers can come out to plant a tree with their class. We can probably plant 1 to 2 trees an hour. Our principal, Jim Kimbrough, will check with the city where it is okay to plant. Originally Pallas was thinking 6 trees but maybe 8 if it will fit. If more responses come in, we will have to partner up classes. Jody Johnston volunteered the student council for helping with signage/posters etc.

Reading is Fundamental

The next giveaway is February 24th and 25th. Christie McCarthy has flyers ready for the Thursday folders. She is looking for volunteers on distribution days. Dawn Bradford and Bryon Simmons volunteered.

Fundraising

Judy Carroll is going to try to do Original Works again. We have no other fundraisers planned for this school year.

Spring Fling

Bryon Simmons reported that the date has been narrowed down to Thursday, May 14th. He will try to get posters up after the President's Day break. He will need a teacher liaison to help with the rehearsals and auditions and will also put up a sign in the office for volunteers to help as well. Talent Show response last year was great. Danielle can also send out an email to the teachers. Practices will take place during lunch breaks. Bryon also asked that if teachers don't want their kids to go to rehearsal let him know.

Principal's Report

Mr. Kimbrough reported that the district is waiting for the economy to improve to begin bond sales. He reported that the school will be totally repainted with a consistent color scheme. Depending on bond sales, we are hoping to be the first school to receive a new learning landscape. The work could start as early as May, hopefully we will find out in the next month or so. He is in the process of planning the budget and staffing for next year. If attendance increases next fall, we may need to move Art or Music out of their classrooms. The classrooms are going to be reconfigured so all classes are the same size. He has to present his budget proposal by 7:00 pm Friday night. If there are more budget cuts he won't find out until mid May.

Questions


Alan Suzuki made a suggestion on how the school could save money. He will give Jim the information on a company where we could buy cheaper toners for the copiers.

Byron Simmons asked how we are looking on CSAP. Jim said we have done a lot of work with interventions this year. We have had more than 20 intervention groups going and 2 with those struggling with Math. Last year the 4th and 5th grades made big leaps. We've improved in everything but still need to close some gaps. Parents can get the results of their children's CSAP the first of August. The school does do benchmark tests and those results are available at the end of the school year.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm by Jenni Stottlemeyer.

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

Respectfully Submitted by: 
Recording Secretary

Approved on March 10, 2009