

MINUTES

Samuels Elementary PTA Minutes

March 10, 2009

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

Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were approved.

Destination Imagination

Jenni reported that the competition is this Saturday, March 14th. We will have 4 teams participating. 1 will be non-competitive and 3 competing. The t-shirts are in and will be picked up for the weekend.

Science Fair Kick-Off Assembly

The Science Fair will take place in April. There will be two assemblies for kickoff on Wednesday and information will be in the Thursday packets. Dave Aguilera of CBS4 news will be coming on March 19th to do a weather presentation for the 1st and 5th graders.

Original Works

Art work went home March 5th and orders are due Friday, March 13th.

Fundraising

The fundraising committee met with vendors on March 9. They are considering if we want to sell Entertainment Books again. If we don't have a coordinator, we will have to consider alternate ways to sell the books besides sending one home with every student. They are also deciding on whether to do the Believe fundraiser again. It seemed to work well and was easy to do. They will report next month on what fundraisers have been chosen.

PTA Positions for Next Fall

We need to fill the following positions for next year – Secretary, Fundraising, RIF, Membership, and various chairpersons positions including Yearbook and Fall Carnival Coordinator. Leticia would like to have a volunteer that could shadow her for the yearbook and then take over the next year.

Earth Day Tree Planting

We have a big update on the Earth Day Tree Planting. We will not have to purchase trees because they are being donated by the forestry department as part of their Million Tree Project. Because of cable lines going in along the street we will not be able to plant where we planned originally. We will now plant the trees around the parking lot area. We will plant 7 trees. We have 14 classes interested so we will have a combination of classes. Pallas is planning to meet March 18th with teachers to discuss logistics. Sunday, March 19th has been scheduled to pre-dig the holes. We will ask for parent volunteers to assist with this. The official planting day is April 20th – two days before National Earth Day.

Duck Drop Update

The Duck Drop is scheduled for May 3rd, and we will get something out in the Thursday folders in next couple of weeks.

Spring Fling Update

Bryon Simmons was not in attendance but the Spring Fling is scheduled for May 14th. Posters are up for auditions and kids can sign up.

Colorado and National PTA Conventions

Vicky presented brochures on the Colorado and National PTA Conventions. The Colorado PTA Convention is scheduled for April 24-25, 2009 and the National PTA Convention is scheduled for June 26-29, 2009 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Danielle will look into scholarships for the Colorado convention.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Suzuki reported that we made about \$300 on Family Dinner. He also reported that it seems like attendance has been dwindling and wondered what we can do to help. We can look at a stronger push, at the timing, menu and advertising. We also made about \$200 from Box Tops. We need to make sure people know that it is a year round effort. Maybe try putting reminders in the monthly newsletter. Tanya Banks volunteered to be the box top coordinator for next year. It was suggested that we put posters in each classroom with pictures of products that carry Box Tops to help the kids remember.

Principal's Report

Principal Kimbrough was not in attendance.

Family Assistance

Sherri McCutchen reported that she has been hearing from teachers about the financial struggles that some of our families are facing. She was asking if the PTA or any parent who would be willing to gather information about the food banks available and/or if the PTA could send out a flyer to ask for help in coordinating. It was suggest that perhaps a basic newsletter of information that can be distributed to the students to make families aware of help that is available and where. There was also some discussion about starting a food bank at the school. The librarian may be willing to give up some space in the library for such an endeavor.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm by Jenni Stottlemyer.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Recording Secretary

Approved on