

MINUTES

Samuels Elementary PTA Minutes

May 12, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Jenni Stottlemeyer, PTA Co-President at 6:10 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The April minutes were approved.

SPRING FLING UPDATE

Byron Simmons reported that the Spring Fling is in two days - Thursday, May 14th. Things are going well. He did a dry run of the acts today and the show is looking to be around 55 minutes. There is a good variety of acts being done. The show will start at 6:15 pm. Food service will start at 5:30 with hot dogs, sodas and popcorn. Our current popcorn machine has been tossed out as it was no longer running well. It was suggested that we could rent a machine or just buy bags of popcorn to sell. Danielle Schreiber will look into the rental. The event will have face painting done by Sunny Posey and Jenni Stottlemeyer. Tables have been requested for the event. Byron suggested a Thank you be done for Judy Carroll for helping design a back drop for one of the acts. Volunteers should show up at 5:30 if helping with the acts and 5:00/5:15 if helping with food service. Byron will put a sign-up for help from teachers.

PTA POSITIONS

Our new board members and chairpersons for next year are Vicky McPheron - Treasurer, Darcy VanWagner - Secretary, Tanya Banks – Membership and Box Tops, Timia Jacobs – Fundraising, Nicole Bray – Hospitality (co-chaired with current hospitality chair, Leticia Banuelos), and Rory Franklin – Reading is Fundamental. All new members were recognized and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Suzuki made a motion to approve the budget for next year. The proposal was for the budget for next year be the same as this year's budget. The motion was approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal, Jim Kimbrough, reported that construction has started for making room for the new mobile classrooms. The mobiles will be moved into place this Friday, May 15th. This is two months ahead of schedule.

On May 26th at 2 pm there will be a groundbreaking event for the new Learning Landscape. Our school board member, Instructional Superintendent, Robert Woodson and Councilwomen, Peggy Lehmann will be in attendance. The 5th graders are writing speeches of which 3 will be chosen to present at the groundbreaking. The 5th graders will also be singing a song and help ceremonially shovel dirt with younger grades. The principal asked the PTA to provide bubbles for each student at the event. Jenni Stottlemeyer will look into a donation. The new Learning Landscape will have no gravel. There will be soccer and softball fields. The northeast side will be a prairie grass type

setting. There will be a new ECE playground, a primary playground on the south end and on the north side an interactive playground with a gazebo, covered sandbox and an amphitheater that can be used for instructional purposes. Along the building there will be grass and trees which will help with shade for the building and also the current water erosion problem. There will be an area that can be used for the annual 3rd grade pit party. The Learning Landscape is estimated to be completed by mid to late September.

Next October, a community event to rededicate the building and playground will take place. PTA will run the event and a committee has been formed. The event will be combined with the annual Fall Carnival that always takes place around the same time of year.

DUCK DROP UPDATE

Chairperson, Linda Johnston, reported that the proceeds from the Duck Drop have been calculated. The amount that will be distributed to each school is \$3,561.40.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Jenni Stottlemeyer and Danielle Schreiber honored all the volunteers that helped throughout the year. Event coordinators, chairpersons and board members were all recognized with appreciation certificates and a treat. Special honors were bestowed on seven outgoing 5th grade parents for their phenomenal volunteer contributions throughout their time at Samuels.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm by Jenni Stottlemeyer to enjoy dessert and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted by: Danielle Schreiber for Vicky McPheron
Recording Secretary

Approved on May 13, 2009