

Notes/Minutes from Rendezvous PTA meeting – November 12, 2009

- **Meeting Called to order at 5:30**
 - PTA Board Members Present
 - Nancy Hernandez, Jessica Lindstrom, Wendy Meadows, Deanna Harger
 - Principals
 - Deb Roehrkasse & Tom Radkey
- **Approved Minutes from 10/09**
 - Minutes approved
- **Translator**
 - Mr. Weenig has volunteered to translate at the PTA meetings
 - THANK YOU!
- **Treasurers Report**
 - Account balance is \$16,323.92
 - Pumpkin sale profit was \$5,020.00
 - Amount is less than reported at last meeting because PTA had to make a payment for last year's Yearbook.
- **Presentation on 5th Grade at CES**
 - Anita Moose presented what the 5th graders are working on this year
 - This year's projects are focusing on Environmental Land Forms
 - Projects this year include
 - Working with the Snake River Fund
 - Annual trip to the Teton Science School
 - Science School raised it price for the 3 day/2 night program
 - Cost this year is \$180.00
 - School covers half the cost and parents must pay other half
 - Rafting Trip on the Snake River
 - Land Form Museum Project
 - Explorers Unit
 - Apple Sale
 - Focus is kids helping kids
 - Last year the money from sale went to an orphanage in Guatemala
 - This year the kids watched presentations from a few groups and will decide as a group which organization they would like to donate the money to
 - School keeps some of the profits to help pay for the class trip to the Teton Science School
 - Anita mentioned that CES desperately needs new Atlases for the 5th graders
- **PTA Membership Card Update**
 - Deanna has researched the process for requesting PTA membership cards
 - She will work with the State PTA to get our members cards
 - She will give an update at the next meeting
- **New Micro Wave for JES**
 - Wendy announced the new micro wave has arrived. She will deliver it to JES.

- **Dance Fever**

- Wendy announced what could be the return of the popular Skate Fever but with a new twist: Dance Fever
 - She has talked with Manny Sanchez (his company slogan is ‘Living with Flavor’) about leading group dance lessons with a combination of African, Samba and Salsa styles
- Possibly have 2 or 3 evenings of Dance with pizza & donated baked goods offered for sale starting in January at JES
- Events would be an opportunity to recruit people to sign up for the PTA
- All community members would be invited
- In the past PTA members were admitted for free, non-members were asked to pay a small fee (\$2.00 +/-)
- Wendy asked the group if they liked the idea
 - Group liked the idea and the PTA will continue with planning
- If you would like to meet Manny and see how he interacts with the kids he currently works with the Kids Club at CES on Mondays from 4:00-5:30.
- Deb suggested we check with the Fire Marshal regarding maximum capacity of gym
- **CES Library Book Fair**
 - **November 30 8:00 am thru December 3 4:00 pm**
 - Contact Melissa Snyder (CES) or Julia Cook (JES)
- **Literacy Night**
 - Christy Roberts would like to hold a Literacy night at CES
 - Theme would be a Restaurant style where different rooms would have food and literature from different countries
- **New PTA Sponsored Event Ideas**
 - Group requested the PTA create a calendar of all the events currently proposed for the 09/10 year and present it at the next PTA meeting.
 - When calendar is created members could review it and decide what current events to continue with and what new/additional events members would like to add.
- **PTA Money**
 - Nancy asked group to discuss how much of the current PTA funds should be spent this year and where it should go
 - People asked how PTA has made decisions in the past
 - Deb said historically she asks the teachers and then passes on requests to the PTA
 - She said she usually counts on about \$1,000.00/year
 - Tom said CES follows the same method
 - After some discussion the group felt that in order to evaluate how much money should be spent they need more information
 - It was suggested that the PTA produce a spreadsheet outlining:
 - Total amount given last year
 - Where the money went
 - What gifts are considered annual and expected/needed every year
 - Historical One time gifts
 - PTA will present information at next meeting
 - Some of the events/programs that should be included in the spreadsheet are
 - Swimming Program (1st – 5th Graders)
 - Winter Sports Program (3rd Graders)
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- **JES Food Drive**

- Megan Riley announced that JES is having a food drive from November 16th – December 8th
- The theme is a train and each class made a unique train car. All the cars are lined up in the commons area
- The food bank is very excited about the drive and said they need donations
- Volunteers Needed for:
 - Loading up food at JES
 - Delivering food to food bank @ St. Johns Church
 - Unpacking food at food bank
 - Call Megan to Volunteer or for more information
- Someone suggested asking the Community Foundation if JES could use their van to deliver food
- **Box Tops**
 - Sarah Campbell introduced herself and went over her goals for the Box Top Collection
 - There is a potential to raise up to \$60,000
 - She is investigating the possibility of putting collection boxes in the grocery stores
 - She needs volunteers for:
 - Cutting
 - Substitute
 - She will send out a flyer letting teachers know when box tops are due
 - She asked that a notice be included in the district newsletter
 - She is making collection boxes for the teachers
 - Someone suggested asking parents to cut out the tops before they hand them in to make it easier for volunteers
- **Smiths/Albertsons Preferred Cards**
 - Both Smiths and Albertsons offers money back to schools if people link their preferred card to a school
 - There is a potential to raise \$28,800 between both schools
 - Deb mentioned that they already receive a couple thousand a quarter
 - She said they use the money for many things, especially unexpected expenses
 - Please encourage everyone to register!!
- **Other Business**
 - Sweatshirts
 - People said they really liked them and would like PTA to sell them again
 - PTA could possibly take orders at Dance Fever
- Raffle Winner
 - Linda Edington won a \$35.00 gift card to Staples!!
- Next Meeting
 - December 10th at 5:30
 - Location - CES
 - Snacks & Babysitting will be provided
- **Meeting Adjourned**