

Notes/Minutes from Rendezvous PTA meeting – December 10, 2009

Meeting Called to order at 5:40pm

PTA board members present: Nancy Hernandez, Jessica Lindstrom, Wendy Meadows; Absent: Deanna Harger
Principals: Deb Roehrkas and Tom Radkey

Approved Minutes from 11/12

Approved 1st Allison Lilijestrom, 2nd Becky Erskine

Translator: Nancy Hernandez

Treasurer's Report

End of year figures from 2008/2009

\$300 more raised at the pumpkin sale

PTA made more in fees in 2008/2009

This year more paid to National and WY PTA than in previous years

PTA has historically held \$9000 in reserve

Current Balance: \$14,500

Nancy Lee asked why we hold on to it.

Discussion: Keep for emergency or spend it?

Consensus: to spend it.

Wish Lists from School

Committee: Becky, Amber, and Nancy will consult with the board about needs of schools based on inquiries to staff

Suggested Purchase: PTA communication system for meetings

ELL Presentation:

Jackson Elementary School: Julie Lindstrom and Cecilia Flores

Powerpoint presentation

Co-teaching in the classrooms, together and with parents.

Work in small groups

Cover the 4 domains: Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking

Based on the new standards that Wyoming has adopted this year.

Parent Collaboration: Parents can help out and share talents

ELL teachers see students 30 minutes per day; the rest of the time students are in their classrooms.

Many times students enter Kindergarten with no English language, so they are involved in many hands-on activities. They learn a lot in 1 year of Kindergarten.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 19th, 2009: Literacy Night

Reading Restaurant at Colter because of the easier layout and transition needs between rooms.

Families- Kids and Parents visit different classrooms

Each classroom is a different theme.

Eg. Underwater books with a snack. Books about fish and a goldfish snack. It is not a meal, but small snacks. Another room may have a camping theme with camping books and s'mores as the snack.

When families arrive they are given a menu and at each room/restaurant they get their menus stamped. Families read for about 10 minutes and then move to different rooms. Families are normally able to visit 3 rooms.

Parent Coordinators will solicit volunteers: parents, librarians, teachers

Jessica will get list of room parent/volunteers to coordinators.

Books will come from the school and the public library
By a show of hands Literacy Night was approved.

Feb. 19th & possibly March 19th: Dance Fever with Manny Sanchez -
Salsa, Hip Hop. Wendy still needs to work out the details.

Questions about calendar:

Rotate events? Art Night vs. Bingo Nights, for example?

May is a busy month with teacher appreciation.

Proposal: no activity in April due to Spring Break

Discussion will continue about calendar at January meeting

Book Fair Report-

\$2000 from pumpkin sale went to the purchase of teacher books.

CES Book Fair -

Melissa Snyder said thanks for a wonderful fair and thanked her parent volunteers. It was very successful. Taking down the book fair happened in a matter of minutes.

In the Spring CES will be doing an Adopt-a-Book with Rotary.

Jessica shared the thanks coming from JES teachers and CES students.

Winter Sports

\$40 minimum asked of parents for Winter Sports. For families in need the rest will be paid through scholarship. Tom Radkey reported that everything was "so far so good."

Dates of Winter Sports - January 14th, 2010 and it lasts for 5 weeks with a 6th week in reserve.

No money needed from PTA at this point, but possibly for swimming.

Box Tops

Sara Campbell was not able to be at the meeting because of work schedule change so Jessica shared Sara's information.

Heidi Thompson at JES was the Box Top winner for October and her class decided to have an ice cream party to celebrate.

There don't seem to be boxes in the classrooms?

At CES teachers made them.

Jessica will check with Sara about boxes at JES but encouraged teachers to use their own plastic bags or shoe boxes to collect the labels and boxtops.

Tom reported that student leadership at CES will count the boxtops and use the money for projects.

Sweatshirt Sales

Possibility of selling sweatshirts at Dance Fever or Lit Night?

In the previous year sweatshirts were advertised at Art Night with a display.

Tom indicated that there might be competing forces with PBS & PTA t-shirts.

Requests were made for hoodies

Possible logos on sweatpants

Long Sleeve shirts.

The suggestion of caps/hats was made. This item is cheaper and students could possibly wear the hat with the PBS shirts.

Limited number of students can buy sweatshirts because of the cost. Hats would give students another option.

Consensus seemed to be that we should steer clear of t-shirts, look into selling hats instead, and use a Rendezvous logo so that students can utilize at both JES and CES. Jessica said she would go back to the drawing board and report progress in January.

Note: Jim Allen –designed the Rendezvous Campus design.

5th Grade Atlas Report

5th grade decided which Atlases to buy. Cost: \$1200 dollars.

Tom will order through the school and the PTA will write check to CES.

Report from Sharon King on Health for Kids

Health for Kids

Earn \$150 dollars for each school.

Create a bulletin board in the school. \$25

Flyers to each student about Eating Healthy and Playing Hard \$25

District Wellness Policy \$25

Parent Team on Nutrition \$25

Eat and Go Theater \$50

Sharon needs parents to help with a bulletin board and a Nutrition Team.

Sharon will send an e-mail to teachers to see who wants to work on a student group or after school group.

Andi Ross is the contact person at JES.

Oton Baez- Paper Mache

Oton presented his work and his interest in working on paper mache projects with students 7yrs and older.

After School sessions: 20 students for \$376.00

Tom will discuss the opportunity with Jessica.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40.

Next Meeting: January 14, 2010: 5:30 – CES