

# Davis Hill Elementary PTA

## Meeting Minutes

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

Resource Room

- I. Meeting came to order at 7pm.**
- II. Could not approve November minutes because no one brought a copy.**
- III. Treasurer's Report**
  - a. Overall bottom line is good.
  - b. The current budget does not include the bus transportation from Sargent Center. Pat Johnson has the bill and it is around \$2100.
  - c. We will be getting estimates for field trip bussing, but that should be a lower number since there will be only one field trip per class instead of two.
  - d. Enrichment is coming in under budget right now.
  - e. Holiday Fair did not bring in the usual revenue
  - f. Scrip fundraisers did bring in around \$1400. and we are planning to bring it back in May or June.
  - g. The Turkey Trot money went to the Welcome Aldrich Feul Assistance Fund
  - h. The FIN account money is being sent to the Wachusett Food Pantry and Joseph's Project.
  - i. Katie Blake made a motion to accept the budget and Terrie LeMarche made the 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.
- IV. Turkey Trot:**

Top participants from the Turkey Trot will be recognized on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Selectman's meeting. This will be televised.
- V. Spring Fundraising :**
  - a. Several choices at this point - chocolates, Wilson farms, Arbor foundation
  - b. Need a volunteer to run it.
- VI. Enrichments:**
  - a. Dates reviewed for programs that have happened and upcoming programs
  - b. Still working on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade since they currently have only one program each scheduled.
- VII. Arts Night**
  - a. Date has been set for March 27<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Beth Donsbach will be leading the event
  - c. Need volunteers
- VIII. Science Night**
  - a. Idea put forth to hold it near Earth Day
  - b. Will need volunteers and a leader for the event
  - c. Possibly incorporate an eco- friendly fund-raiser
- IX. Lego Club**
  - a. Volunteers lined up for most grades, could use a 2<sup>nd</sup> or third person for some
  - b. Flyers to go out this week
- X. Author's Day**
  - a. Date set for March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Ralf Masiello the "Bug Man" will be coming
  - c. Thank you to Gina Keating for coordinating this program
- XI. Square One Art**
  - a. Program is all set to go and have most volunteers needed.
  - b. Deneen Barclay is coordinating

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## **XII. March Meeting**

Speaker will be an OT that would like to talk about brain function related to learning and behavior. Topics on exercise will be included.

## **XIII. Bylaws**

- a. up for renewal
- b. need to review and submit any changes by end of February
- c. we welcome any input from members

## **XIV. Read to Your Child**

- a. Jane Dutton from the Gale Free Library will be presenting and is an incredible resource for families
- b. Every family that attends will receive a book
- c. We will have story tellers for various age groups to read to the children while the adults hear the presentation

## **XV. Other Business**

- a. Bobbi Kelley raised the question as to whether the PTA could provide some information on other town meetings that may affect education and other important topics for families. Lois and Michelle agreed that we could look into ways to communicate these types of meetings.
- b. Mark is providing packets to Kindergarten families as they register and requested folders from the PTA.
- c. Mark provided some info. on the full day Kindergarten program that will begin next fall – children will be admitted via lottery system and there will be a fee of around \$3800. In order to provide space for this program Mark will probably have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class use the Resource room ( where we have been having our meetings) and then have the all day Kindergarten take one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade rooms.
- d. Mark informing everyone now that the budget for 2009 is going to be difficult – at this point “everything is on the table for consideration”. Examples given were no foreign language in the middle school, cut assistant principals, cut specials, cut in central office staff or office positions. Main objective is to not cut teacher-pupil ratios
- e. Thank you to Mark for having the children watch the Inauguration on TVs during the school day.
- f. Thank you notes were sent to town workers from the children at Davis Hill. Jen Wornham helped Michelle Porter with this project and cards were sent to workers from 60 trucks and 22 departments.

**XVI.** Motion made to adjourn meeting by Katie Blake and 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Terrie LeMarche

*Next Meeting: Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*