



Davis Hill Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2009

Breakout Room

I. Meeting came to order at 7pm.

II. January 2009 Meeting Minutes Approval

A motion was made by Robin Pratt to accept the minutes from the January 2009 meeting as written. Andrea Olson made a second motion. The minutes were approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. A budget through Mar. 9th was distributed for review and discussion. A copy of the budget is available upon request.
- b. Not reflected in the budget is ~\$1600 expected from Boxtops collections.
- c. The scrip gift card fundraiser will be offered again during May and June for your Mother's and Father's Day shopping.
- d. The cancellation of the holiday fair due to the ice storm has resulted in a revenue shortage. Please support fundraising as you can to ensure field trip bussing and more can still be supported through PTA funds. The budget for the rest of the year will be tight.

IV. Enrichment

- a. Ben Franklin visited last Friday for grades 3 & 5.
- b. Guy Morin British Soldier will visit grade 5 on March 25th.
- c. Animal Habitats from the Museum of Science will visit grade 2 on April 9th.
- d. Grade 4 had Fox Weather School visit and will have a presentation by representatives of Wachusett Mountain prior to their field trip to the mountain.
- e. Boys & Girls Night is scheduled for fifth graders on April 8.
- f. Lego Clubs ongoing for grades 2, 3 and 4. A fifth grade team did not get off the ground due to a date conflict for the volunteer coordinator.

V. Art Night

Art night will be coordinated this year by Beth Donsbach and will be held on March 27. Many volunteers are still needed. This is always a family night favorite.

VI. Earth Day Grocery Project

During art class again this year, all students at our school will decorate paper grocery bags with colorful environmental messages. On Earth Day, April 22, these bags will be passed out to shoppers from the Big Y in Holden.

VII. Community Reading Day

Many community neighbors have volunteered to participate on April 15th.

VIII. Teacher Appreciation Week

Held during the first week in May, activities will include opportunities for students to participate throughout the week. A luncheon for staff will be held on Friday. Parents will have an opportunity to contribute to the luncheon. Will need volunteers to help with activities throughout this special week.

IX. Grocery Store Education Points

- a. Price Chopper awards points were redeemed for a few basketballs for Phys. Ed.
- b. Big Y points are collected on a two-year cycle. They will be available for redemption in January 2010.
- c. We are in process of enrolling in the Shaw's Community Rewards program where 1% of member's receipts are returned to the PTA for shopping on Tues., Wed., Thurs.

X. Fundraising

- a. The spring fundraiser offering frozen food and plants from Cherrydale Fundraising is being well supported. Orders accepted through March 24.
- b. Square 1 Art orders will be accepted beginning March 17 running through April 2nd.
- c. Pizza Night at Papa Gino's is scheduled for this Thursday. Bring in your flyer whether ordering take-out or eating in. Pizza Night will be held once per month for the balance of the school year.

XI. Other Business

- a. Mr. Aucoin will order a tile from Square 1 Art for each Kindergarten student. Tiles will continue to be hung along the hallway walls to decorate our school.
- b. Looking for members interested in forming a nominating committee for next year's board.
- c. Since it is very easy for paper flyers to get lost in the shuffle, a parent suggested using the pta email to send copies of announcements.

XII. Guest Speaker

Mr. Tony Hurteau of Devereux School in Rutland gave an informative presentation of his knowledge and experience with brain research and sensory processing. Mr. Hurteau offered an overview of brain function and stimuli as it relates to child behavior and learning style. Suggestions of food and exercise choices were offered that stimulate the frontal lobe to improve critical thinking. A list of recommended readings and a parents guide to a sensory diet were distributed and are available upon request.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

<i>Next Meeting: Monday, April 13 7pm</i>
