

Richards School PTO Meeting
Tuesday February 12, 2007
7:00 PM-8:30PM

Attendees: Lee Griffin, Sheila Hulton, Christy Whipple, Brandy Blackinton, Rebecca Hemingway, Amy Howald, Deanna Armstrong, Lynn Touchette, Stefanee Currier, Patti Warren, Viki Bridge, Tiffany Guyett, Shannon Howe, Kelley Merritt, Joanne Truell, Michelle Boucher

Minutes – Motion to approve January minutes with no changes by Christy Whipple and seconded by Vicki Bridge.

Superintendent of Schools Search- Dr. Marilyn Brannigan

- Ad was placed in papers (this was passed around)
- Have received several applications that are being reviewed
- A committee of 12 members will be selected. The committee consists of parents, administration, community members, and teachers. This committee will be meeting in the afternoons.
- The Committee will separate the applicants as acceptable vs. unacceptable to present to the school board.
- The opportunity to meet potential candidates will be available
- The school board will have the final say
- Marilyn will be talking to the board about criteria, compensation package, etc...
- Marilyn asked the group to give her ideas and characteristics of what we would like to see in a Superintendent. Many ideas were shared and Marilyn will take them back and compile them into a list.
- It is very important that we all go out and vote on March 11th to pass the budget

Treasurer's Report – Sheila Hulton

- Bank balance is \$7,676.
- We leave a balance of \$1,000 at all times so the money that can be spent is \$3200.00 after events that are already scheduled and budgeted.
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report by Shannon Howe and seconded by Tiffany Guyett.
- Please be sure to fill out the PTO reimbursement with an original receipt. This form is in the PTO box as well as online at our website.

Parent Education – Christy Whipple

- Free education coming up
 - February 19th-Internet Safety at 7:00 PM. This is a free educational class.
 - There will not be any education in March/April due to Project RABBIT.
 - The survey given out at the beginning of the year showed parent education as being a need/desire. We have had a very low turnout. Please talk these classes up.

Project RABBIT- Sheila Hulton

- Project RABBIT evenings are March 7th, 13th, and 20th at 6:30 PM at Richard's Free Library

- It has been decided that we will eliminate the craft this year as it is time consuming and makes for a longer evening.
- The children will each get 3 stories read to them. One story as a large group and 2 stories in break out groups based on grade.
- There will be snack at the conclusion

Winter Dance Recap– Rebecca Hemingway and Brandy Blackinton

- The dance was disappointing with only 28 people in attendance.
- Everything possible was done to get people there. For some reason or another it just did not work out.
- Profited \$30 after expenses. (Better than a loss) and we did not have to dip into our budget for any money.
- Ideas for next time include a Saturday night; a family dance; and booking well known band early!!
- Perhaps partner with the Opera House and make it a joint event. This was done in the past and worked really well.
- Winner of Super bowl Party for 10 was Gayle Currier.
- Rent-a-Center would love to help us out again anytime

Float for Winter Carnival - Tiffany Guyett

- The PTO float received 2nd place!! We received a \$100 prize.
- The float initially cost \$25 to construct and then a parent donated \$20 towards that expense- leaving only \$5 spent. With the prize money we profited \$95 on the float☺
- Thank you to United for the flatbed, Lavalley's for plywood, Sears for the cardboard and Home Depot for the trees. We will keep 3 of the tree's and 2 were donated to the Opera House with the understanding that we could use them anytime.

Six in the Stix- Stefanee Currier

- Six mile trail run done behind the High School—including the big stairs at ski hill.
- June 7th is the event date ; \$15 per person
- There will be food and drink provided
- Because last year was so successful other Rec's have caught on and have decided to do their own Six in the Stix. Claremont, Lebanon, Hanover and New London will be doing this as well. If anyone wants to do them all they can do the series for \$60.00.
- More info to follow

Box Tops - Shannon Howe

- The group assisted Shannon with counting the labels into packs of 50 to be sent in.
- December and January labels were worth \$148.10
- The top collectors with 119 were Mallory Smith and Garret Harrold- Great Job!
- Approx YTD is \$504.00.
- TRIM, TRIM, TRIM!!! This makes it much easier if Shannon does not have to trim along with counting
- We do not accept the Campbell Soup labels. Shannon will look into to see if Towle collects these.
- Sox tops are not out yet. We continue to get the milk tops that are not sox tops and we have to throw them away.

T-shirt design – Lee Griffin

- Passed around a design done by Amy Howald. Please submit more ideas if you have them
- Decided to table this topic until next meeting due to time.

Newsletters/Flyers- Please be sure to send Patti and Kim any newsletters/flyers/notices that are going home. It is always a good idea to have a separate pair of eyes review these before they go home.

Drawing – A \$10 gift card for one teacher AND one parent
Brandy Blackinton won the parent drawing to Village Pizza
Kelly Merritt won the teacher drawing also a Village Pizza certificate

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM

Minutes submitted by: Brandy L. Blackinton