

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
December 3, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

President Stacey Everett called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., welcomed everyone, stated there were enough members in attendance to establish a quorum and led the flag salute.

Denise announced to the group that November minutes had been distributed and to send changes to her attention. If no changes are received the minutes will be filed as written.

TREASURER REPORT

Michelle stated that:

November 1 balance \$11,460.86

Receipts \$19,657.78

Disbursements of \$4,156.65

End balance of \$26,961.99

CORRESPONDENCE

Angie read a thank you note from the 1st grade teachers thanking the PTA for books.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1/16/14 is the County PTA dinner
- Newsletter is coming up; the completed newsletter will be ready for the general meeting.
- 12/10 General meeting and 3rd grade show.
- Barnes & Noble night is 12/4 at 6:00 p.m.

Room Representatives – 12/20 – the day of the winter party - FULL day of school

Membership –

Membership – nothing new to report

Fundraising –

- Red robin - \$1,530 in sales = \$229.60 in profit
- A&M Pie Sale - \$256 profit
- Gift Card Sale - \$799 profit
- Spirit Wear - \$87.35 profit
- Pretzel Sale – 12/19 end of day delivery. Forms will go home by Thursday, December 5
- Geico Insurance fundraiser is coming soon
- Five below, Colonial Lanes and Color Me Mine are upcoming fundraisers

Reflections – no participation this year. Last year, for some classes it was mandatory. It was thought that timing might have been part of the lack of participation. The group

suggested that we begin to circulate when the theme comes out in the Spring. It was mentioned that perhaps it becomes a function of an art club that Mrs. Shipe would like to begin. Additionally, kinks in the online process were cited as another potential hurdle to participation.

5th Grade Activities –

- We need pictures! General yearbook and 5th grade photos
- T-shirt template has been completed
- Our Life, Our Story was the selected theme for the yearbook
- Children have completed the yearbook interview questions
- Party is going to be a groovy 70s theme!

Holiday Shop –

- Set up will be after the December 10 general meeting
- Schedule looks great! There is room for more Dads to participate
- Grocery bags are needed!

TEACHERS REPORT – Mrs. Ferraris

Mrs. Ferraris discussed the Winter party with Mrs. Crea suggesting that we have food for this one. Mrs. Crea suggested that Mrs. Minogue would come up with a list of suggested goodies for the classes and be in touch with allergy classes about specific needs. 2 treats and a drink are suggested.

PRINCIPAL REPORT – Mrs. Crea

- Thank you for supporting American Education Week in November
 - Reynolds Readers came
- Barnes & Noble Night – Call out to the families
- Teacher Evaluation – 1st round complete
- Report Card PD for staff – next week and the following Monday
- Data Team Meetings 12/9
- Trimester Ends 12/10 – Report Cards go home 12/20
- EarlyAct Basketball Shoot – \$2,200 raised
- 2 new laptop carts were purchased
- 2 SMARTboards installed in Kindergarten
- 4 more SMARTboards ordered – 2 – 1st grade and 2 – 2nd grade and the four not installed; 1 will remain in a 4th grade and the other 3 will travel between the 4 non-tenure staff members
- Winter & Holiday Season
 - Giving Tree Donations & Gently Used Coats
 - Students need to dress warmly...
 - General PTA Meeting 12/10 – 3rd Grade Holiday Show – 7:00 pm – students will see the show at 2:00 pm that same day
 - School Sing-a-long – December 20th

- Holiday Parties – 2:30 pm – treats & drink
- Kindergarten Registration - January 6th & 7th
 - 25 students
- 50th Anniversary Planning – day meeting and evening meeting? The group thought this was a good option.

Of Note -

- Logo – there was discussion in brief. It was going to be confirmed, but Mrs. Crea felt that Alexander was covered in the agreement with Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Denise M. Goldenbaum

Recording Secretary