

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 7, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tori McMahon called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and led the flag salute. She welcomed teachers; Mrs. Fiorello, Miss Rolle, Mrs. Ferraris, and Mrs. LaDolcetta. She also welcomed any visitors who might be in attendance.

ESTABLISHING QUORUM: (Executive Committee)

Excused from tonight's meeting and those present; see attached list.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: The minutes were acknowledged and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Julie sent around forms for different committees that show how much money they have left in their budget. Julie reported from the Statement of Account for March 4, 2009 through April 7, 2009. A beginning balance of \$9,629.36, receipts of \$3,817.23, disbursements of \$2,178.82, and an ending balance of \$11,267.77. The report was filed for audit. (See attached report.)

Correspondence: Tori stated that there is no correspondence for this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance – Ellen reported that the Super 50/50 will be distributed tomorrow. Each ticket has a cost of \$2 and the drawing will be held May 19th. She reminded everyone that the Pump It Up fundraiser will be held on May 14th.

She reminded everyone to send in their Box Tops for the Spring Contest; the class with the most Box Tops collected will receive a chilly treat. The Box Tops will be sent in for next year. She added that there will be a Maggie Moo night on June 9. She is hoping to have some celebrity scoopers (teachers, etc.).

Ellen stated that the Campbell's program awarded our school: a stapler, a shredder and a cooler. Lastly, she was very excited to announce that to date we have recycled over 5500 juice pouches. This will be a profit of 2 cents per pouch for our school.

Family Activities- Cindy reported that the Trenton Thunder flyer will go home tomorrow. The game will take place on April 29th at 7:05pm. The tickets will cost \$11 per person and we will be making \$4 per person. The money is due back by April 22nd. Lastly, she added that we will be doing the 50/50 at the game that night.

Fifth Grade Activities- Tori stated that Reynolds is looking for some fifth grade moms to chair a couple of committees. She added that the yearbooks have been sent to press.

The fourth grade moms will be working the graduation ceremony so that the fifth grade parents do not need to set up or clean up. The ceremony will take place on June 16th.

Teacher Appreciation- Linda reported that everything is moving along nicely. She is sending out a reminder letter and has pans for anyone who needs it.

Health Day- There will be a Taste of Mercer County coming to our school. A variety of restaurants will be bringing treats to the students and speaking to the kids.

Health and Safety- Julie reported that April 25th is the day we will be cleaning up around school. We will be meeting at 9am. Julie is hoping to e-mail everyone if there needs to be a rain date.

Kindergarten Registration- Jamie started off by thanking Kelly Sterns and Kalyn Vizzoni for taking on kindergarten orientation. They did a great job. She also thanked Deb Hamm and Sue Fox for donating apple juice for that day. Jamie stated that the morning went great. There was a decent turnout but not as many as in the years past. There were, however, many great questions asked by parents and only a couple kids who were hesitant about leaving mom and dad.

Nominating Committee- Debbie Johannsen stated that the committee met and that the following people were nominated: VP of Programs-Jamie Rosica, Correspondence-Jen Haley, and Recording Secretary-Tricia Bannister.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alexander Alumni Awards – Tori started off by explaining the scholarships that the Alexander PTA offers. The Alexander PTA presents a monetary award at Steinert's Awards Night to one male and one female member of the graduating class who is also an Alexander Alumni for the purpose of offsetting the cost of their continuing education. She stated that for the next several years, we will also be presenting the Lorraine D'Zurilla Memorial Scholarship award until the year 2011 at which time her last class of students will be graduating. It is presented to an Alexander alumnus who intends to pursue a career in the sciences, in memory of an Alexander teacher for whom science was a passion. The Steinert scholarship committee has chosen the award recipients in the past years. Tori asked the committee if we should continue to have the scholarship committee choose the recipients again or if we want to form a scholarship committee here to do it. She asked for a nomination from the floor to request selection of the scholarship recipients by the Steinert Awards Committee. The record will show that Jamie Rosica made the motion and it was seconded by Kathy Register. Everyone was in favor so the motion was passed.

The award request also includes selection criteria. For last year's awards, the selection criteria for the Alexander Alumni Scholarship were: graduate of Alexander, must have attended Alexander for a minimum of 3 years and it was also specified that one male and one female recipient were to be chosen. For the D'Zurilla memorial scholarship, last year

selection criteria were: graduate of Alexander, must have attended Alexander for a minimum of 3 years, intending to pursue a degree in the sciences. Tori asked if there was a need to discuss the selection criteria. There was none. Tori then asked for a motion from the floor for the criteria to remain the same. The record will show that Kathy Register made the motion and Deb Hamm seconded it. Everyone was in favor and the motion was passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Board Surveys – Tori stated that she has sent surveys via e-mail. She stated that she is still missing a few. There are extra copies on the desk if you need one. She would like to have them by the end of the night.

Board Resignations – Tori asked that if you will be resigning from the board for whatever reason, please put that in writing and submit as soon as possible.

Spring County Council Dinner Meeting – Tori stated that the dinner is scheduled for April 23rd. We had one cancellation – if there is anyone who would like to take that spot, please see her after the meeting.

Tori turned the floor over to Mrs. Stevenson for the Principal's report.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. Stevenson started off by announcing the Teacher of the Year; Mrs. Nami (3rd grade). She went on to say the selection is made by the teacher's colleagues. She will begin her term in September.

The Talent Show was a big success. Mrs. Stevenson thanked the art and music teachers for their new ideas. She was very proud of the student's accomplishments.

She asked everyone to remember to go out and vote for the School Budget. Voting will take place April 21st from 2-9pm. She stated that \$62,000 of the budget goes to Alexander School. Mrs. Stevenson discussed some of the uses for the money. She asked that we support the proposed budget.

She went on to say that the Walking Club started last week. She is hoping that the students will walk at least six miles by June. The students receive a foot to color for each mile they walk. At the end of the program the students will receive a charm for their sneakers.

Lastly, Mrs. Stevenson reminded everyone of some important dates.

April 20-21 – Picture Day

April 21st – Report Cards

April 23rd- Take Your Child to Work Day (1/2 day pack a lunch)

April 30th-Field Day

May 4-7 NJ ASK Grade 3 (make-up May 11-15)
May 4-8 NJ ASK Grade 4 (make-up May 11-15)
May 11-14 NJ ASK Grade 5 (make-up May 18-21)

GOOD OF THE ORDER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PTA Recognition Certificates –

Lillian Leigh – for a fabulous Founders Day.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Debra Conti

Recording Secretary