

JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tori McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and led the flag salute. She welcomed teachers Mrs. Nami from grade 3, Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Dougherty.

ESTABLISHING QUORUM: (Executive Committee)

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: The minutes will be distributed at a later date.

Treasurer's Report: Tori reported from the Statement of Account for February 10, 2009 through March 3, 2009. A beginning balance of \$8,367.77, receipts of \$3,013.24, disbursements of \$1,751.65, and an ending balance of \$9,629.36. The report was filed for audit. (See copy of attached report.)

Correspondence- Tammy reported that Mrs. Palotti was sorry she could not attend Founders Day. She read a thank you from Mrs. Burke for the pizza reward for Reflections and for recognizing her at Founders day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Field Day- Mrs Dougherty reported that Field Day will take place on April 30th with May 21st being the make-up day. She stated that the events will begin at approximately 1:00. She handed out maps and a list of the scheduled events. She would like to have at least two parent volunteers per event.

Budget and Finance- Ellen reported that the Gift Card sale will be held in April. She also stated that on April 24th there will be a fundraiser at a Bounce place. There will be two rooms to bounce in for two hours at \$7 per child. She stated that we are trying to plan a movie night also.

Health and Safety- There will be a walking program implemented during recess. The students will be walking around the school and will get a foot each time they complete a mile. We are hoping to encourage the children to walk five miles by the end of the school year at which time they will receive foot tokens. This program is free. Lastly, we will be having a school grounds clean up day on April 25th.

Kindergarten Registration- Jamie reported that orientation will be held Friday, April 3 at 9:30. The Three-for-Me Program will be utilized for the baked goods. She did ask that if anyone could donate bottles of apple juice it would be greatly appreciated.

Founders Day- Jodi reported that there are pictures in the Hamilton Post from our Founders Day celebration. The evening went very well. Miss Glonek was very appreciative and said she would never forget and the events were a total surprise. The sign she received was installed today.

Historical Yearbook- Deb Hamm stated that the yearbook is coming along and she asked that pictures please be sent in.

Special Treats- Deb Conti reported that Special Treats were delivered despite the delay due to the snow day. She thanked Tori, Deb Hamm and Linda Kinter for all their help. She also thanked Mr. Devine for getting the bagels. She advised that perhaps next year special treats should be planned during a time when there is no possibility of snow.

Teachers' Luncheon- Linda stated that her committee has met and plans are underway. The first week of May will hold many special events for our teachers.

Programs- Rachel reported that on March 27th School House Rock will present a show. In April Peppermint Puppeteer will be coming to our school. She stated that the science show was well received.

Family Activities- Cindy reported that Trenton Thunder night will be held April 28th at 7:05pm. We will be selling 50/50 tickets as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee –Tori stated that the nominating committee will be meeting and that we should all expect an e-mail or phone call asking who we would like to nominate for the open positions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Board Surveys – Tori asked that if you haven't sent in your survey to please get them in as soon as possible so we can get started on our committees for next year that need to be up and running by the end of this year.

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

NJPTA Legislative Day –This is scheduled for April 1st. Tori stated that she has a form if anyone is interested in going; she asked that you please see her after the meeting.

Spring County Council Dinner Meeting – This event is scheduled for April 23rd. She sent the sign up sheet around, monies due will depend on who goes (like the previous dinners).

Quorum –Tori thanked everyone who came to the last rescheduled meeting, it is sometimes difficult to juggle everything and she appreciates everyone who came. She stated that there had been some concern, but we did make our quorum, which is stated in our bylaws as a ‘majority’, which is ½ +1, which in our case is 26 members. Thank you to everyone who helps support our quorum by coming to the meetings.

Lastly, Tori stated that Marrazzo’s is no longer giving out checks for receipts collected. They are giving out gift certificates so she asked that if supplies are needed to please use the gift card. She also acknowledged Kathy Register, Sue Bishop, and Melanie Gaston for five years of service to the PTA.

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

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Mrs. Stevenson started off by saying congratulations to Mrs. Chirichella who delivered a baby girl on February 25th named Emily Rose.

She went on to say that the book drive was a huge success. In a short assembly Mrs. Gill received over 3,950 books that were collected by Early Act. Mrs. Burke’s class collected 654 books and was awarded a pizza party.

The Terra nova tests will start tomorrow and will be held Wednesday through Monday. The make up days will be Tuesday through Friday. Grades 3,4, and 5 will be taking the NJ ASK in May.

Lastly, Mrs. Stevenson stated that the fifth grade will be taking their pictures tomorrow. There will be large group photos and special groups as well. Favorite Hat day is Friday. The second grade classes will be going to see a play on March 18th at The War Memorial.

GOOD OF THE ORDER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PTA Recognition Certificates –

Jodi Morgan, et al – for a fabulous Founders Day

Tara Blando – continuing efforts to getting the AQUA situation resolved.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Debra Conti

Recording Secretary