

Prairie Heights Elementary  
Tuesday, February 8, 2005  
PTO Meeting Minutes

Attending the meeting: Michelle Beisker (PTO Pres.), Patrice Matthew (PTO Co-Vice), Cindy Martin (PTO Co-Vice), Ann Uthoff (PTO Sec.), Tricia Heald (PTO Treas.), David Brauhn (PH Principal), Angie Wagner, Shari Clines, Nadine McNeal, Jennifer Anderson, Chris Troendle, Kay Heitmann, Gina Boebel.

Michelle called the meeting to order reading two thank yous from Mark Ironside and Kathy Bowersox. The meeting was turned over to John Tittler; co-chair of Kid's First, presenting information about the upcoming bond issue on March 15th. Satellite voting on campus will be available on Feb. 18th and March 10. John gave the group an overview of the issues, ideas and focus on getting out of the vote. There are two proposals on the ballot. Due to the 3 ½ % growth throughout the school district each year, the need for more classroom space is constant. The first proposal is for building a new 7-8-9 building. The second deals with the lack of space during performances at the high school auditorium. A proposal for a 1,000 seat auditorium is on the ballot. Poster/displays are currently in all Prairie buildings to ensure ample opportunity for questions and answers about the bond issue. Kid's First is seeking volunteers to man the displays at conferences, sporting events, etc to communicate their message to the public. A calling campaign will be held March 13 & 14th at Buffalo Cody from 5-8 pm. Contact Kid's First if interested in calling voters. Absentee ballots are also available; a 60% majority is needed to pass the bond issue. There is more information available on the school website.

Review of the last meeting: Minutes of the January 25th, 2005 meeting were approved.

Principal's Report: Tsunami Assistance Fund has raised 800 lbs. of pennies!! This translates into 170,000 pennies. The Red Cross will have a media event at all four elementary buildings on Feb. 16th. The Fairfax Bank has offered to take pennies. Thank you for the great response. The track & field days will be held on the following days: May 25 for fourth grade and May 26 for fifth grade. Rain dates are June 1st and 2nd.

Treasurer's Report: The final ticket sales for the carnival were \$2,367.43. The total profit from the carnival was \$3,769.58. Shari Clines volunteered to go over some of the fund raisers. Michelle read a collection of comments from parents about fund raising. Many ideas were flowing: more communications in the newsletter about what exacting PTO does, what it pays for i.e. the field trips (PTO provides \$6,000.00 for fields trips) . Placing stickers on kids' shirt noting this fieldtrip was provided by funds from PTO. PTO has \$20,293.92 set aside for

a new playground. Discussion of the possibility of holding a Sock Hop. Tricia Heald offered to coordinate the Sock Hop. A motion was made to hold a Sock Hop. Seconded and motion approved.

Angie Wagner made a motion to give the money set aside for the classroom supplies to the teachers. (PTO had been waiting to determine if funds were available).

Staff Requests: None.

Box Tops: The drive is on, with a special bulletin board and ice cream scoops!!

Upcoming Events: Pam O'Brian will do Kindergarten Roundup. Fifth grade picnic is looking for volunteers. Anyone interested, let Michelle Beisker know. Fifth grade promotion is also looking for volunteers. Top spots for PTO officers are still open for next year. PTO is looking for officers: President or Co-Presidents, Vice President or Co-Vice Presidents. Also need to fill the following leaders for: Spirit Wear, Fall Carnival, Newsletter. If anyone interested in filling one of these positions, please contact a PTO Officer or PH office. Seasoned leaders are ready and willing to help you know what to do and provide mentoring and information.