

Prairie View PTO Meeting Minutes – Mar 10, 2009

1. Umbrella Meeting Update:
 - Mrs. Wooldridge reports that start up funds requested for Prairie Creek PTO will be used for a spiritwear kickoff, teacher requests, printing needs, beginning of year field trips and functions and student/teacher culture building activities (a fundraiser will not be held until October). \$2500 donation approved.
 - 2009/2010 Walk-a-thon dates need to be decided by the May umbrella meeting in order to be put on the fall district calendar.
 - Other elementary PTO's shared their ideas on how to increase participation in the "box tops" campaign.
2. Principal's Report:
 - Students need to be vigilant about washing hands. Over 10% of the student population has been out sick.
 - Last week View received a check from Target for \$1300. These checks are received in March and October of each year and are generated based on purchases made using the Target card. Cardholders can designate a school or schools to which the generated funds will go.
 - MAP tests for 2nd – 5th graders will be given after Spring Break.
 - A new principal, Laura Medberry, has been named at Crest Elementary.
 - Bussing and start time issues for next school year are still being planned out. Mrs. Wooldridge will have an update at the May meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report & Secretary's Report:
 - Feb ending balance was \$16,359.92. We have received many of the employer matching donations for the walk which totaled over \$1100.
4. No teacher requests this month.
5. Lana Sellner is continuing to look into the boxed school supply options and whether these can be shipped directly to the students' homes. At this time she has not been able to identify any company that ships home, but she is going to check with Center Point Schools to see what company they used in the past. Further info will be provided at future meetings.
6. There was some discussion regarding the usage of the new Concert Hall. Each elementary will have the opportunity to have 1 concert there every year. Other elementary concerts will be held in the Ridge Gym.
7. Mrs. Niera did a presentation on the anti-bullying program used in the district. The focus is on prevention and problem solving in order to change the norms of how students treat each other. Goal is to reduce existing problems and prevent new ones by improving peer relations and the culture in the building/district. Anti-bullying rules are posted throughout the school and are incorporated with the concepts of "life-long guidelines" such as trustworthiness, truthfulness, active listening, no "put-downs" and doing personal best. Weekly classroom meetings are held to improve communication. During these meetings, students and teachers set goals and take time to celebrate successes. Teachers have been trained in "on-the-spot" intervention in order to stop the bullying as soon as possible.
8. Meeting adjourned.