

Prairie View PTO Meeting Minutes October 10, 2006

- Meeting was called to order.
- Mrs. Wooldridge reminded everyone that America Reads Day will be on October 20th. At the end of the day there will be a “read and feed” at 2:45 to which parents are encouraged to attend. Intruder policy is reviewed and a drill is held every fall. The existing policy was recently upgraded to ensure that all children are in an enclosed classroom and secured in the event of an intruder. In conjunction with this policy review, parents will no longer be allowed into the locker bay area before or after school without an identification badge. Also, all volunteers are asked to wear ID badges whenever they are in the school. Children have been told to report any individuals seen in the building without identification.
- Mrs. Wooldridge made a request for funding. She would like to have the “6 Traits Writing Kits” in all classrooms for grades 1-4. Grade 3 already has the kits. The cost per kit is \$270 and Laura Merchan agreed to contact South Slope regarding the possibility of receiving some grant money for this purchase. Mrs. Wooldridge also emphasized that teacher requests funded by PTO should be for instructional material only. We should not be funding any items that would possibly be covered under the district budget. She would like to authorize all future requests to ensure that they fit within the curriculum plan and would not be funded through another means.
- Kim Lande reported that we are all set for the Mega Party on November 9th. The party will be held from 11 am – 3 pm and will cost \$1250. We could have secured an additional “train ride” feature for an extra \$200 but it was discussed and decided against. She also reported that Sires Printing would like to be a shirt sponsor for next year’s walk.
- Kim Lande also reported that the Monroe Hustlers (Swisher 4-H group) could potentially provide childcare for conferences and meetings. She will contact the group leader. It was agreed that a minimum of 1 adult and 2 high school kids would be needed. We will pay \$100 for conference night and \$50 for each PTO meeting.
- Texas Roadhouse bookmarks have gone home with the kids. Upon completing 3 books, the kids will get a free meal. Also, the Prairie View night is November 6th. 10% of proceeds from district patrons on that night will be given back to the school.
- Fun Fair theme will be “Goin’ Bananas”
- Volunteer call: October 23rd Hearning Screening, Book Fair November 13 – 22 before and after school as well as the evening of November 20th (conferences), Holiday Shop December 7th after school until 8pm.
- Umbrella Report – Fairfax Bank will match any walk donations written on checks from their bank. 5th grade committees are getting staffed by all elementaries.
- Lisa Hinton reported that we are still looking for room parents for 5 teachers. Laura Merchan suggested showing the power point presentation (re PTO) on Kindergarten info night next year since some incoming parents are not familiar with what room parent responsibilities are.
- Dick Whitehead spoke to the group regarding enrollment numbers and projections, school safety and building security, upcoming SILO tax vote in Linn and Johnson counties and the new construction in the district.
- Meeting adjourned.