

Prairie View PTO Minutes

Oct 11, 2005

Co-President, Laura Merchan called meeting to order.

Kathy Waychoff, the new district volunteer coordinator, introduced herself to the PTO. She also announced that they are still looking for more volunteers for America Reads Day on October 21.

Principals Report by Ann Wooldridge:

↑ ITBS results will be back in December.

↑ No school on Monday, October 17th due to professional development. Focus will be district data trends.

Umbrella Report by Micki Crispin:

↑ Increased promotion of the Box Top program was discussed. Ways in which the program can be promoted include class competitions, preparation by students of baggies for collecting box tops and students taking turns clipping and bundling.

Treasurer's Report – Kim Smith:

↑ \$24,646 total fundraiser sales. Up \$160 over last year.

↑ 324 students participated with 20 students selling twenty or more items.

↑ Geckler will be arranging a celebration for the entire school.

↑ Top selling class in each grade will have a special ice cream party.

↑ Ending balance \$34,290.95

Teacher Requests:

↑ First Grade requested funds to purchase some new HAWK books. \$500 was approved.

↑ First Grade also requested a copy of the "Comprehensive Literacy Resource" for each classroom. The price was unknown at the time of the meeting, but the funds were approved pending pricing information provided to Kim Smith.

↑ Third Grade requested funds to purchase a "Write Traits Classroom Kit" for each 3rd grade classroom. Cost is \$160 each. The purchase of four kits was approved.

School Communication Policy:

↑ A copy of any information sent home with students should be provided to Robin and kept in the office so that she and office staff can answer any questions that may arise.

Volunteer Activities:

↑ Book Fair will be held November 15-22. Volunteers needed for all morning and afternoon shifts.

↑ Holiday Shop will be held December 8th. Volunteers are needed to set up on December 7th as well as to assist with wrapping and clean up on December 8th. Volunteer sign up sheet will be sent around at October PTO meeting.

↑ Laura Merchan reported that the Coe Volunteer Corps may not be able to provide childcare for PTO meeting and conferences. Contact her with any ideas.

Fun Fair:

↑ There is a need to involve the 4th and 5th graders more in this event. Some ideas that have been presented include Karoke, dance game, free thrown contest, obstacle course, scavenger hunt, Family Feud Game Show, jewelry making, scrapbooking clinic and art projects (i.e. Potters Obsession). Also, the 5th graders could be more involved by working in the booths as volunteers.

Walk-A-Thon:

↑ Brenda Hamilton reports that there is an organizational meeting planned for October 24th at 6:30pm.

Movie Night Under the Stars:

↑ Laura Merchan has researched this idea and would like to set it up for next fall. The event would include families and teachers. We can rent a screen for showing the movie and would probably need to pay a licensing fee. More to come at a later date.

Room Parents:

↑ Mrs. Stevenson is in need of a room parent. Also, the following teachers have only one room parent each: Frazee, Welp, Swann, Roloff, Ganzeveld, Stone, Hartman, Howes, Richter, Sankot, Williams.

Sock Hop:

↑ Will be held the evening of Friday, October 28th and will again include the Dance Marathon team from the U of I.

Class Halloween Parties:

↑ Have been moved from Monday, October 31st to Friday, October 28th so that only one day of learning is affected by the sock hop and class parties. Information will be sent home in information envelopes tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned.