

Minutes for Prairie Lane PTO Meeting

Thursday March 21, 2013 7pm

WELCOME & Happy New Year!

Present: Tracy Haase, Jessica Winnie, Jenny Hermes, Kelly Ficker, David Newman, Nicky Ichen, Kari Ray, Jessica Ventura, Jacque Bridgeman, Melissa Eritano, Lacy Pearl

Meeting opened by Tracy Haase at 7:05pm

Officer Reports:

President- Tracy Haase - no report

Vice President- Jessica Winnie - no report

Secretary- Kelly Ficker - review & approval of January 2013 meeting minutes- Motion to approve by Nicky Ichen, seconded by Kari Ray. All in favor. Yes

Treasurer- Jenny Hermes - review & approval of February Financials (7/1/2012 – 6/30/2013) - Motion to approve by Nicky Ichen, seconded by Kari Ray. All in favor. Yes

Principal- Mr. Newman – see Old Business (Security Cameras/Lock down buckets)

Teacher Representative – None present

Committee Reports:

- Winterfest – Jessica Ventura – Not many food orders (Rocky Rocco's) turned in. Ordered 50 pizzas above orders. Beverages were well planned. 2 new games purchased this year (spinner/winter bean bag toss) – will have available for future. Last year earned approx. \$6000. This year earned approx \$4700. Will have to plan for cost of fliers (ESC prints them) for next year. JV has a binder prepared for new chair for next year.
- Yearbook – Jessica Ventura – Pictures/layout submitted. Usually books delivered early June. JV has notes prepared for new chair for next year.
- Book Fair/VIP Night 4/29-5/2 VIP night on 5/2 – Muffins for Moms/Donuts for Dads. Erica Ekkela VIP chair. Lacy Pearl will not be able to chair Book Fair next year. Looking for someone to shadow her this year and to work with Sandra Steeves and handle money. Jessica Winnie to post on Facebook.
- Newsletter – Christy Selin – fabulous job
- Box Tops and Milk Caps – Jill Powell - earned approx.. \$1200 in box tops!, Wash milk caps. Kemps no longer offering program (changing it for future). Prairie Lane caps from Woodman's still being collected. Jacque Bridgeman is willing to help out with this – possible contests for next year.
- PTO Parent Suggestion Surveys – Jenny – only 2 parents responded. Offered \$100 to Mr. Dean for intramural program. Kelly gave update that Mr. Dean has not purchased anything yet (No receipts available).
- Teacher requests/responses – Jenny – approved to give each teacher \$50. Only 4 teachers have turned in receipts. Discussion around apps for ipads. If multiple teachers want same apps, can we get school account/discount? Dave Newman to talk to KUSD IT person. Ipad to have 2 accounts – personal/KUSD

Old Business:

- Teacher Conference Luncheon- thank you Kerri Valentine.
- Chess Club started again – Kelly obtained roster. 31 participants (5 new)

- Science Assembly was a big hit, Jump Rope assembly coming up April 18th – Thanks to Dan Ficker for Science Assembly, kids asked for his return. Jump Rope assembly – Tom Pacetti working on schedule
- Security Cameras/Lock down buckets – Nicky I. to supply 32 buckets (from dad's bakery); \$160 savings. Will not need water as most rooms have sinks. Garbage bags will be supplied by school. Flashlights - \$12-\$20 (crank/rechargeable) approx \$400. Walkie Talkies – 28 rooms, approx \$600. Ladders – seven 12 feet ladders, approx \$840. Therefore, board asked for approval of \$2000 for Lock down buckets. Motion to approve: Melissa Eritano, seconded by Kari Ray. All in favor. Yes.
 - Security Cameras – Dave N. presented that 16 cameras and 1 DVR will cost approx. \$2500. Board had discussed wanting outside cameras installed. Therefore, 3-4 outside cameras will be purchased, remaining cameras will be installed indoors; new cost = \$3500. Will use 1 DVR with 16 monitors. If need arises, will use a 2nd 16 DVR instead of more expensive 32 DVR monitor. No cost for installation – KUSD Facilities to cover. Therefore, board asked for approval of \$5000 for Security Cameras. Motion to approve: Lacy Pearl, seconded by Jessica Ventura. Dave also noted that KUSD Leadership may be putting in a request for cameras for schools that currently do not have any. Waiting to see where this goes but in the meantime, we have money approved from PTO.

New Business:

- Working on bringing an Archery Clinic to Prairie Lane – Dave Haase – more info to follow as it becomes available
 - Nomination Committee (Tracy, Jessica V, Lacy Pearl) Voting to occur in April
 - Kari Ray – Secretary
 - Jessica Winnie – President
 - Tracy Haase – Vice President
- Mr. Newman – new progress report – will present to PTO in April. He just presented to staff recently. A K-5 document is going to the School Board to get rid of letter grades. Will look at broader skills (evidence sheet for reading/math). Effort section is more subjective – may not be on new progress report
- Additional info/comments?

Melissa E. presented on Teacher Appreciation week – May 6th. Mon – breakfast – looking to Panera to donate or Dunkin Donuts. Tues – Pinterest gift bags, Wed – 2 massage therapist (10 min/teacher) – donating their time. Thur – Rock Roccas – supply free pizza/salad/breadsticks. Also, someone donating cupcakes. Fri – gift baskets, kids notes. ME has secured giftcards for drawings from Sam's Club \$25, PigglyWiggly - \$25, Pick-n-save \$10, 8 manicures. Approx. cost \$60/day (\$300/week). \$100 above budget. Motion to approve – Lacy P., 2nd Lacy P. All in favor. Yes. Need water/soda. JW to post on Facebook

Kelly spoke with Judy Vanderford – gym teacher – ways to spend PTO funds – water bottles for Field Day. Judy has also secured Packer football for “Fuel” Program (NFL Play60) to P.L. in which students would need to log into computer and record minutes they exercised/diet. More to follow.

The next PTO meeting will be: Thursday April 18th 7pm. No Feb.meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.”