

Sol Feinstone Elementary School
PTO Meeting
March 6th, 2008

Executive Board Members in Attendance: Ellen Petri, Mary Copperthwaite, Aileen McQuarrie, Kristin Meranda

Call to Order: Ellen Petri called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Principal's Report, Mrs. Pladsen:

Mrs. Pladsen reminded parents that they may not use the bus lanes for pickup or drop off at any time of day. This has become an issue in the afternoon as parents are picking up their children from Play Practice and After School Sports.

Mrs. Pladsen introduced Mrs. Luff and her first grade students. The First Grade classes have been using a series titled "Units of Study for Primary Writing" that was purchased with PTO Grade Level Enhancement funding. Three students read samples of writing they generated through the "Units of Study" program

Mrs. Pladsen also introduced Mrs. Turk who reviewed the Council Rock Social Skills Curriculum. Three Third Graders discussed their experiences with a unit on discrimination based on Dr. Seuss' "Skeechers".

President's Report, Ellen Petri:

Mother/Son Bowling was a big success and the Father/Daughter Dance was lovely. Ellen reminded parents are not to get out of their cars in the Morning Drop Off Lane.

Secretary's Report, Kristin Meranda:

Danielle Portnoy made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2008. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report, Mary Copperthwaite:

Mary reviewed the March Treasurer's Report. The Lollipop Sale amount is a final number and Cash Back programs continue to do well. Home Room Parents can contact Mary to get their account balance. Reimbursement Requests that exceed the class balance will be denied. Mother/Son Bowling lost money but the Father/Daughter Dance should make up the difference. Clancy Strobel made a motion to approve the Report. Motion passed.

Mary has begun budget planning for the 2008-09 school year. Committee Chairs are encouraged to submit budget projections. There will be a budget meeting in March.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee – Lisa Gunshenan: The following Board and Executive Board positions are still available: President Elect, Silent Auction (2 positions), Diversity, and Recycling. Please contact Lisa with any questions.

Family Activities – Ellen Petri for Jennifer Ceslak: Bingo Night is March 7th.

Fundraising –Cari Grundman: Volunteers are needed to help sell lollipops the week of February 11th. Note cards depicting the Mosaic will be available in the spring and information about the Art Ware fundraiser will be coming home soon.

School Spirit – Holly Gross: Lots of items are still available for purchase.

Market Day – Clancy Strobel: There will be a cookie sale this month.

Diversity – Kim Gibbons: International Day, celebrating the country of Mexico, was January 25th. Art, music and gym classes had special activities based on this theme and the cafeteria served a special lunch. 2nd and 4th grade classes had multicultural presentations during January. Over the following months, third graders will see a presentation by Kids on the Block and will learn about the Special Olympics. Representatives from SAGE will be reading to grades K -1. 3rd grade will learn about the Special Olympics and have a presentation from Kids on the Block. 5th grade will listen to an African American Revolutionary Soldier Reinactor. 6th grade will be visited by a Holocaust Survivor.

Middle School Liaison – Ellen Petri for Deb VanAken: Newtown Middle School is currently filling PTA positions. Contact Deb if you are interested.

Announcements

There will be another Half Day Hoagie Sale on February 15th.

The Neighborhood Outreach fundraiser is March 1st. Money raised helps needy families within the Council Rock School District.

Kim Gibbons asked Committee Chairs to read their job descriptions on the PTO website and contact Kim with any changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristin Meranda
Secretary, Sol Feinstone PTO