

Fallsmead Elementary PTA Minutes

May 4th, 2010

Meeting called to order by Lyn Mullinax – President

Principals Report – Mr. Payne

Fallsmead has grown over the past few years and the student count is now up to 520. Almost every grade has 4 classes. Kindergarten and 3rd Grade are both about 8 kids away from having a 4th class. We are hoping to be able to hire on a few more teachers if this happen.

Almost all the staff will be staying on. We are losing one para-educator but we will be hiring a .5 Special Ed. teacher.

Fallsmead is trying something new with Special Education with a co-teaching model. There was a meeting held specifically to discuss Special Education prior to the PTA meeting.

Mr. Payne has created a Leadership team that consist of about 15 teachers. They are involved in a 2 year program to transform the school's learning environment. There is also a professional development focus on creating more critical thinking on all grade levels.

Executive Board Reports:

Nominating Committee – Jen Goode and Lyn Mullinax

Introduced two new candidates being selected for the board – Margaret Yee for Treasurer and Carolyn Thompson for MCCPTA Rep. Members attending were asked if there is anyone is they would like to nominate. None were offered. The slate stands as:

Co-President – Troy Mitchell

Co-President – Jamila Bell

Vice President – Lisa Merkin

Secretary – Andrea Samborn

Treasurer – Margaret Yee

Parliamentarian – Diana Rabinowitz

MCCPTA Rep – Caroline Thompson

Wooton Cluster Rep – David Pawlick

Ballots were handed out to members and a vote was taken. Jen Goode and Vina Coonin counted ballots and the slate was unanimously voted in and sworn in to uphold the responsibilities of their elected office beginning July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Treasurers Report –Michelle Goodman – Lyn Mullinax Reported

A little explanation of how much money the PTA needs just to start the school year was presented. Most people don't know that the PTA pays for the rooms that it uses throughout the year for all the PTA sponsored events such as Chess Club, FLES Programs, Science Fair, AfterSchool programs (art, mad science, sports, etc.), Spring Fair and Silent Auction – just to name a few. This usually costs us about \$4,000 up front. We need to start the school year with funds in the account to make all these arrangements and pay for other events that happen in the beginning of the school year.

Committee Reports

Silent Auction – Jill Hertzler

Went really well. It was a success and raised over \$4,000. This event really needs more involvement -- both in committee and in participation. We have had some wonderful items that should have very high bids. Without community support the event just can't be what it should be.

Spring Fair – Eva Cowen – Jill Hertzler Reported

This year we did something different by not renting many games and creating many on our own. This saved a lot of money and gives us games to use in the future. We got the moon bounce for free. It turned out to be a really nice day. The Spring Fair is not considered a fundraiser and we usually put money into this event. It actually broke even so that also helps the budget deficit.

Staff Appreciation – Sandra Zinselmier and Brenda Mitchell – Lyn Mullinax reported

This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week and the committee has things planned for everyday this week.

Kids Club – Jen Pissara & Melissa Cetola – Lyn reported

This month, on May 22nd, we have an opportunity for all students who would like to try Kids Club to come. It is \$15.00 which includes the 3 hours of FUN and 2 slices of pizza and a drink. The form is on the website. Fill it out and bring it along with you to check in. It will be a great night for the kids. Next year for kids club we have a committee set in place, along with Jen and Melissa, a new volunteer coordinator – Ellen Koch and an Art Director – Cindy Singman. These volunteers will help coordinate the evenings so that Kids Club can run incredibly smoothly and successfully.

After School Care Committee

After the PTA meeting there will follow a presentation by the After School Care Committee regarding the bid that have been submitted and which are being considered.

Meeting adjourned.