

Floris Elementary School PTA  
Meeting Minutes-February 3, 2009  
Start Time 10:00 am  
End Time 10:41 am

**Attendance:** In attendance from the PTA Executive Committee were Sheri Rhodes, Laurie Asmussen, Judy Nally, Amy Domsy, Betsy Karras, Nina Eidelberg, Gail Porter, Richard Rosser and Denise Wilson. Twenty-four others were in attendance.

**Review of December PTA Minutes-** Minutes approved and filed.

**Treasurer's Update-**Betsy Karras

- Two months worth of reports to cover.
- December-We didn't have the craft fair, so that is why we fell short for our budget for Holiday shop. We had one new member join. The \$650 for Cultural Arts is for two assemblies. The \$1077.95 under technology is the balance left on the cameras.
- January-The book fair made a profit of \$3020. We had one new member join. There was a donation made for \$50 from one of the lego league parents. We made \$702.11 for the first half of box tops. The \$105 under Cultural Arts is for the Jamestown/Yorktown assembly. The \$200 for special appropriations is for a Nordstrom gift card for Mrs. Siple. \$750 is for to the accountant for our tax preparation.
- A motion was made by Alyssa Abelson to give \$200 to get a gift for Mrs. Siple. Kathy Lawson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.
- Report will be filed.

**Principals Update-**Gail Porter

- Our new Principal Gail Porter gave us her background and stated how happy she is to be here at Floris.

**President's Update-**Sheri Rhodes

- The boundary study is continuing and option 3 was proposed. On 2/19 a decision will be made.
- Fairfax County is discussing changing the start times for our schools. There will be a meeting to discuss on 2/25 from 7-9pm at Herndon High School or Rocky Run Middle School. The survey will be available on-line on 2/9/09.
- The new 10 point grading scale was passed for the next school year.
- There will be voting today in the blue hall.
- On Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup>, the PTA Board will be handing out popsicles to the kids.
- Floris Reads will be doing Read Across America March 2-6. Gary Lloyd will be here to read to the children on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Then he will be doing a presentation that night before the PTA mtg.

- Saturday in the Suburbs will be held on 3/26 at 7pm at Westfield High School. This is a dialogue with a panel of seniors at the High School. This is for adults only.
- International Family Fun Night will be held on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please get involved.

**Vice President-Richard Rosser**

- Today, a special County election is taking place in the blue hallway. People will be using door 9 and restricted to the blue hallway.
- Thank you to our 2 counselors, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Vogel for attending today.
- Mrs. Wilson will be acting as the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP today for Fran Miller.
- There is a lot of testing coming up. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade compacted math test is being given this week. March 2-4, is the 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing SOL. The WIDA test is taking place for the next month. This tests students in our ESOL population. The new FLES testing will begin this year. It will be used to assess the success of the program.

**Vice President-Laurie Asmussen**

- Read Across America is taking place March 2-6. The kids will be getting a reading log and map of the US to color. For every 15 logs we get back, a donation will be made to the library for children friendly atlases. We still need help.
- International Family Fun Night still needs a lot of volunteers.
- Next year, we are looking to fill the following positions...Treasurer, Hospitality Chair, Book Fair, Volunteer Coordinator, Newsletter, Fall Fundraiser and someone to change the sign out front.
- Our ice cream social will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>. This is Kam's last year, so we would like someone to volunteer to help her and then take it on next year.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President-Denise Wilson in for Fran Miller.**

- The staff wants to thank the PTA and Hospitality Committee for the hot chocolate and cookies.
- Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Vogel were very excited about the bookmark contest. The winners are displayed in display cases by the front door. They are hanging all of the others around the school.

**Corresponding Secretary-Amy Domsky**

- We received thank you notes for the hot chocolate and cookies.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Mad Science-Linda Wilson**

- New session will start Tue Feb 24<sup>th</sup>. It will be available for grades K-1 and 2-3. It is an 8 week session.

### **Odyssey of the Mind and Reflections-Patti Reid**

- The Reflections tournament was in November. We have 9 entries that were sent to the cluster level and we received 5 awards.
- The Odyssey of the Mind tournament is on March 14<sup>th</sup>. We have 65 kids and 18 parent coaches.

### **Box Tops-Laurie Asmussen for Lisa Fee.**

- All box tops are due Feb.10<sup>th</sup>. This decides which class wins the ice cream party. But, please keep clipping and sending them in. This will give us more money for next year.

### **Grace Art-Laurie Asmussen for Megha Chokshi**

- There will be a meeting tonight at 7:30.

### **Lego League- Laurie Asmussen**

- They will be forming teams in late May to start in August.

### **Directory- Laurie Asmussen**

- The addendum will be sent home next week.

### **New Business-**

The PTA was approached by the cafeteria staff to fund an account for kids who don't have money on their cards. They say 5-8 kids a day with no money and it comes out of their pockets. They get the money back; they just want to be able to cover at the time. They are asking for \$100.

Maria Robles made a motion to give the cafeteria staff \$100 to use for kids who forgot money. It was seconded by Cindy Norman. The motion was approved.

### **Meeting Adjourned-10:41am**