



Devinny Elementary PTA
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PTA Meeting
December 1, 2009

Call to Order: Jeff Larkins called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

PIE Presentation: Elaine, Community Relations Manager with Barnes & Noble, reviewed children's books and games for gift giving ideas.

Books included 3 Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson, Diary of a Wimpy Kid – The Last Straw, Black and White, What Do You See Under the Sea? by Neil and Casandra Lillard, The Georges and The Jewell by Jane Smiley, etc.

Game ideas were Illusions (magic), Juggling, Balloon Twisting, Grow Your Own Crop Circle, Cars Magna Doodle, Science Laboratory, Desktop Horseshoes, Penguin Bowling, Sunlight Print Kit, Pinhole Camera Kit, Scribble Doodles, Can You Kazoo?, Sticheable Journal, and Cars Art Kit.

Approval of Minutes: Angie Wagner motioned approve minutes, motion seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kim Soulliere reported current balance as \$31,614.05. See attached.

Legislative Report: Mike Sullivan presented. Legislature currently not in session. Colorado is facing a \$110 million education shortfall, which calculates to \$450.00 per student. Jefferson County has approximately 85,000 students. PARA – Retirement pension program for educators is seriously underfunded.

Ways and Means Report: Allen Gallamore presented,

1st round of teacher requests received. Funded 4 requests:

Library books funded \$1000.00

4 – MP3 players for Kindergarten, \$160.00 funded, \$320.00 matched by Kindergarten.

3 teaching easels for 4th grade - \$700.00 funded

1st grade – reading comp funded \$395.00

Remaining funds of \$745.00 will carry over to 2nd trimester. Deadline for 2nd trimester requests is December 14th.

Tech committee request for funding of computer equipment has been deferred to work through school/teacher tech committee. Ways and Means will not fund \$14,000.00 tech request that should be the schools responsibility.

Ways and Means cont'd:

No short term environmental requests yet. Medium term – School district has to give feedback for the sound system updating. New doors have been installed and the curtains are not up yet.

Tech Committee Report: Angie Wagner reported. Website is ready for parent testing and features fundraising ideas, pay dues online, and the school newsletter. Plans are to update the school webpage and align with the Devinnny PTA website.

Principal's Report: Terry Elliott reports:

- Great job on the door installation, noise reduction
- Curtains will be installed over Winter break
- 6th grade held mock hearings
- 16 LCD projectors, 3 smart boards, document cameras, temporary document carts and cameras
- 5th/6th classes are “model” classes
- Thanksgiving day lunch was a big success, an important tradition to keep
- Working towards calmer procedures for line up before and after school

Old Business:

Reflections program successful thanks to all the entrants, Alyson Bradley and the Reflections committee.

New Business:

Chairpersons needed for the following committees for next year – Moms & Muffins, Health & Safety, Sock Hop, Teacher Appreciation Week, Cartridges for Kids. Also, board positions will be available.

Announcements:

- Ingrid Cohen presents the Giving Campaign – Smarter kids, Better Community. Donations will be solicited from family and friends and in return the school community will give back through community service projects, i.e.- Jeffco Action Center, park clean ups, Nursing homes, etc. Specific classroom projects will encourage team building.

Donation requests would begin in February and go until Spring Break. 3 target goals have been considered for fundraising - \$20,000.00, \$25,000.00, \$30,000.00 with a Spring Carnival as a reward.

-Holiday Party, December 18th, 2:30pm – 3:30pm

-Justin Matott will be at Devinnny December 15th

Meeting Adjourned, 7:45pm

Sally Garcia, Secretary Date: 01/02/10