

Germantown Elementary School PTA Minutes

March 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Kimmi Photinakis at 7:07pm.

In Attendance

Approximately eight parents and Ms. Bryant.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the February 2nd meeting. A motion to approve was made by Jen Brill and seconded by Marti Shields.

Icebreaker

Ms. Bryant had an M & M game. "Sweet Updates from GES".

Principal's Report

- Saturday Ms. Bryant was the guest reader at Black Rock.
- MSA starts next week for grades 3, 4, and 5. Testing will be in the morning. The PTA will purchase snacks for the students during the testing. Also, parent volunteers are needed in the lunchroom on the days of testing.
- Career Day – March 26th – let Ms. Saunders know if you are interested in participating.
- April 19th – Kindergarten Orientation. The present kindergarten classes will have no school on this day.
- Golden Shovel Award – goes to Tom and Bob. They spent two nights at the school during the blizzard. Special thanks go out to both of them for there great work!
- H1N1 clinics at the school on March 9th, 10th, and 11th from 3:45 – 4:45pm. Paperwork in the office if needed. Adult needs to be present. Contact the Health Room.

Committee Reports

- Lorelei Castro reports that 75 students so far are participating in Reach Week. Parents can still sign up until the end of the week. 490 letters have been sent out.
- International Night is tentatively set for Friday, April 16th. We will need participation from GES families.
- Spring Fair – Saturday May 1st. Lots of volunteers needed. Contact Aba Kumi if you can help in any way.
- Teacher Appreciation – May 2nd – 8th. Ideas needed.
- After School Clubs – Spring offering starting after spring break on Fridays. Chess club and Young Rembrandts – approximately \$100 for each.

President's Report

- Thank you to everyone who attended the Community Meeting. The survey results indicated that the majority prefer that a school is built elsewhere and that GES stays the same.

Vice President's Report

- Jen Brill reports that we will not have a Spring Fundraiser - Reach Week will replace that.
- Six Flag's is offering a discount: a \$20 ticket purchased from the special flyer (school will get \$8). Can be used from March 27th – May 23rd. More details to come.
- Marti Shield's reports that March Movie Madness will be on March 19th. The movie will be "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." No charge for the movie, snacks will be sold.
- Muffins for Moms will be on May 10th.
- June 9th - Potomac Pizza fundraiser. Also a PTA vs Staff kickball event is tentatively scheduled for 5pm that day.

Treasurer's Report

- We have approximately \$4,000. Upcoming expenses include: Teacher Appreciation, MSA snacks, Kindergarten Orientation and Spring Fair. The deposit of \$800 for the fair has already been paid.

Delegate/Cluster Report

- Nelton Castro reports that on the next meeting on Monday March 8th there will be a quad meeting. First part will be the cluster meeting and the second part they will have a motivational speaker: Sean Taylor. He will speak about how to be an effective parent in this day and age.
- Cheryl attended the delegate meeting and a debate and discussion on how school districts define bullying took place. The health and safety committee discussed how serious incidents are classified. They recommended expansion of the definition of bullying.

Nominating Committee

Anyone interested please let Kimmi know. Nominations will be in April and the election during the May meeting.

Adjourn

- A motion to adjourn was made by Kelly Meredith and seconded by Marti Shields.