

Minutes of the South Fayette
Elementary EXEC PTA Meeting
October 18th, 2010



Audrey St. Germain - President

Kari Bair - Vice President 1

Jen Swider - Vice President 2

Gina Duncan - Treasurer

Tricia Ford - Secretary

Audrey St. Germain called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. An inspirational poem was read by Kari Bair. All members present were introduced.

Minutes of the last regular PTA meeting were reviewed. They will stand as approved.

GUEST SPEAKER - Dr. Billie P. Rondinelli - Superintendent

Dr. Rondinelli presented information on the upcoming instruction and professional development of South Fayette. She explained the theme of the year: Re-Imagine the Future (how will we celebrate and embrace our culture, history, differences, and the global connectivity?)

The new Language Arts/Reading for K-1, along with the Reading Achievement center, PA Department of Education, Science and Technology, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Technology Integration were discussed. She presented handouts on what parents can do at home to support the reading and literacy programs at school. Dr. Rondinelli also explained what receiving the Blue Ribbon award means to for the parents and their child. The Blue Ribbon is not just applied for, you must have certain criteria to even be invited to apply. Laurie Gray will be receiving the award on Nov. 15 and 16. There will be celebration at the school on November 23rd with possible t-shirts for all staff and students up to the 5 and 6 grade. The high school is now the "school to watch".

Dr. Rondinelli also discussed how our schools are proactive in cyber bullying and Anti-bullying. At High school, students usually find adult they are comfortable talking too. The middle school is starting programs such as Girls Night Out, to inform on positive health. They are trying to get a Boys Night Out also started. In the Elementary school, bullying, per Mr. Deramo and Mrs. Gray is more of a lack of knowledge. The guidance counselors along with the principals are enforcing right from wrong, often giving the questions, "What if it was you?" or "in the future, what would be the right thing to do?". Also, bullying is dealt with hands on and attempting to put the "fires out" as soon as possible. Dr. Rondinelli also explained that with the new building, the PTA involvement will be encouraged.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed financial statements containing the balance sheet, profit and loss budget vs. actual report, and check detail report were distributed at the meeting and are on file for review.

Previous Balance Checking	\$71,136.86
Deposits	\$25,699.72
Expenses	<u>\$ 11,578.64</u>
Current Checking Balance	\$85,257.94
Current Savings Balance	\$44,912.05
Total	\$ 130,169.99

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NEW BUSINESS

NURSE'S REQUEST

The PTA has received a request from the nurse, for new packages of underwear for kids who have accidents. She especially needs a boy's size 7-8.

AGENDA PROPOSAL

Laurie Gray presented a proposal to give incentives to children who complete their agendas. They will randomly be checked on Fridays. Laurie suggested the \$700.00 be added to the helping hands so that this proposal does not have to be voted on each year. Brynne Allcorn motioned to accept, Lena Hannah 2nd, and the proposal was unanimously accepted.

Gina Duncan suggested that do not add the \$700 to the helping hands, so that it is not confused with what the helping hands money is supposed to be used for. Gina suggested having the amount put into the agenda budget, since that is what the money is supporting, she also encouraged that Molly is checking to make sure the students are using the agenda for keeping track of homework along with getting signed every evening. Brynne first motioned to move the \$700 dollars to the agenda budget, Jen Swider 2nd, and was then unanimously approved.

KINDERGARTEN FIELD TRIP

Laurie is asking the PTA to add \$128.00 to the Kindergarten field trip budget. The teachers believed they had enough money to cover the trip, so they did not ask for money from the parents. However the transportation had increased their fees and now they are short a few cents per student. Kari Bair first motioned to add the \$128.00 to the Kindergarten budget, and Jen Swider 2nd, and was unanimously approved.

SAFETY

The principals are addressing the issue with the white van. An email about safety was sent to all parents, and students watched a video on dealing with strangers. Mr. Deramo also visited the 3rd and 4th grade.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - UPCOMING EVENTS

SCIENCE FAIR

There are 121 students registered. Vendors are booked and project ideas are due by November 10th. All kids entered into the fair will be put in a drawing for 4 tickets to the science center. Girl scout troop #50780 4th grade is going to set up a lemonade stand at the front of the school. Proceeds will go toward cancer research. A Market Day sample table will be set up to try to increase Market Day sales.

FUNDRAISER PICK-UP AND INCENTIVES

The fundraiser pick-up is November 3rd. Popsicle with the Principal is October 20 and 21. The brainshow and Chuck-E-Cheese dates had to be switched due to a scheduling conflict.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES

The Halloween parties will be starting 15 minutes early to allow the children to change into their costumes.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS - PAST EVENTS

BOOK FAIR

The book fair was successful. Thank you to Robyn Weis, Jodi Lutz and all the volunteers for all their hard work. Sales (excluding tax) were \$16,646 with a cash profit of \$4,162 and approximately \$600 in Scholastic dollars. This a 14% increase in sales compared to last fall.

REFLECTIONS

40 Entries were submitted and judging will take place on Oct 21st. The goal is to display the projects during the parent teacher conferences.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - ONGOING EVENTS

MARKET DAY

Market Day has changed their profit structure and it depends on how much is sold, earning a higher percentage at higher sales. There will be a pie/dessert incentive for November. Dr. Rondinelli suggested to keep updating everyone, as new students are added very often, and many do not know how easy Market Day is to order.

BOX TOPS

There will be a box top contest starting on October 25th through November 22nd.

MEMBERSHIP

There are 736 members from 431 families. This is approximately 10% above last year and represents 50% of the families. There has been \$4,500 in revenue collected of which \$1,200 goes to our PTA. The remaining goes to State. Membership cards and tablets will go out by the end of the month.

Next General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, November 9th at 1:30pm, in the Pride Room

Audrey St. Germain adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.

There were 15 people in attendance. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Next Executive PTA meeting -

Tricia Ford
Secretary

Date Approved