

Valentine Hills PTA Meeting

April 28th, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

In attendance

Teresa Walbon, Jody Parupsky, Sonnie Evans, Sheila Treise, Sue Johnson, Jill Huring, Cori Corgan, Nathan Flansburg, Mary Lawrence, Gina Kirstufek, Mary Ortt, Julie Anderson, Janie Hecht, Jane Kennedy, Kara McCoy, & Jennifer Mohlenhoff

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Leta McDonald was not available to attend the meeting.

School Board Representative's Report

Marre Jo Sager, our school board rep, was unable to attend the meeting.

Old Business

Status reports were given:

Family Arts Festival—Gina Kristufek stated that volunteers will be contacted this week with their duty assignments & time slots. The 3rd & 4th grades have been practicing some songs during music class, which they are invited to perform as a group during the festival. There will be a school-wide mural again this year, along with individual crafts that the students can make. Ice cream & a coffee bar will be available in the cafeteria. The total cost is expected to stay within the designated \$1,200 FAF budget.

Book Fair—Jennifer Mohlenhoff gave some updated information. The school library receives 10% of the gross sales back in the form of free books & products. Also, Jen Moberg will continue as the book fair chairperson.

Kindergarten Social—This social will take place on September 23rd.

Principal's Report

- Principal Flansburg gave an update on the Peaceful Playgrounds initiative. The school has applied for a 621 Foundation grant & we are awaiting an answer, hopefully in the next couple of weeks.
- The H₂O for Life fundraiser brought in over \$2,000 by selling bracelets & taking donations. H₂O for Life raises money to fund water purification projects in Africa. It was originally started by Highview 8th graders as a school project. VHS will probably do this fundraiser again next school year.
- The triangular garden in the front of the school will be redone as part of an Eagle Scout project. The plan is to hopefully include some shrubs, a small retaining wall, & a "peace pole".
- Staffing changes include filling full-time positions in 2nd & 3rd grades, a full-time kindergarten position which was vacated by Maria Williams who resigned (to stay home with her child), and 2 part-time positions.
- Watch the May "Valentine View" for updates on the High Performance staffing changes. Lee Porath is retiring, & Joan Wolf is changing positions within the school. The plan is to have HP math for grades 1-5 next year, rather than just 3rd-5th grades.

New Business

Budget—The proposed budget is \$33,870, with a projected carryover of \$1,880 from this school year to 2008-09. A first vote was taken to approve the proposed budget for 2008-09, & a 2nd vote will need to be taken again at May's PTA meeting to approve the proposed budget.

Treasurer—Jane Kennedy is assisting Leta McDonald with the treasurer position, as Leta recently gave birth to a baby boy.

VP Potential Candidate—Jennifer Mohlenhoff has offered to be the PTA vice-president next year. The PTA is seeking potential executive committee members.

Family Arts Festival—It has been proposed that we change the FAF to be a spring carnival/festival. Watch for updates & further discussion on this topic.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.