

MINUTES

Valentine Hills PTA Minutes

January 28th, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance

Leta McDonald, Mary Ortt, Julie Anderson, Barb Krejcarek, Marre Jo Sager, Cori Corgan, Marilyn Persuitti, Mary Lawrence, Jen Mohlenhoff, Sonnie Evans, De Zhang, Nathan Flansburg, Gina Kristufek, Teresa Walbon, Kara McCoy

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance is approximately \$28,389, less \$4,131 in outstanding checks.

School Board Representative's Report

Marre Jo Sager gave an update on the school board. The latest board meeting on Jan. 22nd included a vote on a resolution regarding the possible conflict of interest involving a board member whose spouse is employed by the school district. The school board is awaiting a court decision on this matter. A few of the local legislators attended the most recent school board meeting, sharing with the board updates on some committees they are part of and regarding task forces for education. Some decisions the school board has made relating to the district budget include eliminating 11 full time equivalents, fully funding special education, keeping the building support budget at \$4.3 million, elementary band & orchestra will stay the same, as well as high performance. The board approved some of the most timely budget assumptions and is waiting on others. The calendar for next school year has some changes, with days off being arranged differently, including a two week winter break.

Old Business

Status reports were given:

Fundraising—The t-shirt sales is \$220 under, so we need to sell more shirts to break even. The memory book vendor has changed to Lifetouch. Every 5th grader, regardless of ability to pay will receive a memory book. The cost of memory books will be \$10 per book, & order forms will be coming out soon.

Principal's Report

Principal Flansburg talked about the following:

- The Valentine Hills budget committee meeting is this coming Wednesday. They will be looking over the BILT instructional model. In April the termination of probationary staff officially takes place. April 15th the budget needs to be turned in. It looks like next year there will be four class sections per grade level.

New Business

Grant Requests—Wendy Brandt requested supplemental money for stability balls, contingent on some other funding, so this request is being placed on hold.

Family Arts Festival—Gina is chairing the FAF for the last time. She is planning crafts organized by Abracadoodle. There will be a coffee bar for adults, and ice cream cups for the kids. She has five volunteers so far to help with FAF.

Bookfair—The dates are 2/25-28, including the evening of the science fair. Emails will be going out to request volunteers.

Co-Treasurer—Lita is still waiting on a co-treasurer, but has some possibilities.

Child Internet Safety Info Night—This is a free event for late March/early April where schools would have a group seminar for parents about internet safety.

Geckler—We are still considering a possible change for the fundraiser of a different company, but it would be difficult to start over with a new company.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.