

MINUTES

Valentine Hills PTA Minutes

November 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance

Nathan Flansburg, Marre Jo Sager, Mindy Klauer, Julie Anderson, Cori Corgan, Leta McDonald, Mary Ortt, Lee Porath, Mr. Opheim, Jen Mohlenhoff, Kara McCoy, Teresa Walbon, Gina Kristufek

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The current bank balance is approximately \$25,859. The PTA expenditures from last school year were \$2,386 over budget, so our carryover was close to \$5,700 for this year. Of that carryover, \$4,000 was designated for expenditures in the 2007-08 budget leaving approximately \$1,700, less than was originally estimated. It is recommended that we keep that extra money as a "cushion" rather than allotting it to be spent this school year.

School Board Representative's Report

Marre Jo Sager talked about the grant that our school district & others won, called "Safe Schools, Healthy Students". The grant of \$2 million per year will be shared between four metro school districts, including ours. District 621 had a standard auditor's report done, with very good results. Per Marre Jo, a grant proposal has been made for a sidewalk in front of Valentine Hills School, awaiting approval.

Old Business

Status reports were given:

Membership—We currently have 125 paid members.

Teacher Appreciation—The idea to have some type of special teacher appreciation was tabled for the time being.

Fundraising—Various fundraiser ideas were discussed. Members talked about raising money for the Peaceful Playground games and teacher appreciation.

Principal's Report

Principal Flansburg talked about the following:

- Dr. David Walsh will be speaking at Mounds View High School tomorrow evening, Nov. 27th.
- There was an article in the Star Tribune that talked about the balance balls, how studies have shown them to help with weight loss, decrease noise levels, increase attention span, when used in classrooms.
- The Dance Dance Revolution game will be introduced to students in December.
- This year, the Journey Across America fitness program only includes Minnesota.
- Joan Wolf's book "Someone Named Eva" made the National Libraries book list.
- The school website has been updated; there are some glitches.
- The Smart Board is being used in Mr. Salveold's classroom. He will be doing a presentation at an upcoming staff meeting.
- Sonny Evans is hoping to be back in the office next week. She's been out due to injuries she sustained in a fall.
- Maria Williams returned last Wed., but is out on maternity leave now, as she had her baby this past weekend.

New Business

Grant Requests—Mindy Klauer has requested funding for a presentation to the 3rd grade, in which an actress would come in from the Minnesota Historical Actors group. The actress would portray Maud Hart Lovelace, talking about her life as an author. The request for \$299 was approved, to help pay for two performances.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.