

# MINUTES

## **Valentine Hills PTA Minutes**

*October 22, 2007*

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **In attendance**

Teresa Walbon, Kara McCoy, Leta McDonald, Jennifer Mohlenhoff, Sonnie Evans, Lindsay Samelian, Jody Parupsky, Joan Wolf, Julie Anderson, Deb Guthrie, Gailyn Ryan, Mary Lawrence, Mary Ortt, Jeanne Lippert, Emily Spear, Eudoro Olivares, Lee Porath, Cori Corgan, Nathan Flansburg

### **Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The PTA budget report has a new format that is a single page & easier to read. As of October 18<sup>th</sup>, the bank balance was \$27,374. So far, \$1,495.98 of the school year's \$34,320 budget has been used.

### **School Board Representative's Report**

Marre Jo Sager was unable to attend the PTA meeting, so no report was given.

### **Old Business**

Status reports were given:

*School Directory*—The directories have been delivered. A couple of classrooms were missed in the directory, so a one page supplement will be sent out. The directory will probably be done later next year, so we can make sure all classes get their forms in. Principal Flansburg noted that he spoke with someone at the school district office who said we could legally use an opt-out for those who don't want to be in the directory, rather than needing everyone to opt-in to be included.

*Family Socials*—Mary Lawrence reported that the kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade socials each included approximately 65 students & their siblings. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade social had approximately 90 students & siblings. There are some 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents planning an activity, which they plan to request money for. Mary will be sending out a note to all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents encouraging them to plan a social event for their children as well, if they wish.

*Geckler Fundraiser*—The net income is around \$18,775.

*Book Fair*—Three parents are co-chairing the book fair. Volunteers are still needed. A note will be sent out in student folders requesting more volunteers.

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Flansburg gave the following report:

There are new wood chips on the playground. The ½ kindergarten teacher is on leave due to medical reasons, & a long-term substitute will be in place. The 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade specialist classes were too large, so some changes will be made including hiring a part-time learning resource teacher & changing the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade specialist schedules. Lee Porath will be covering some specialist times to help make the new schedule work. The specialist classes were 35-36 students, & will now be 26-27 instead. The BILT (Building Instruction Leadership Team) will be presenting a report to the school board on 10/29. Principal Flansburg found a program called "Peaceful Playgrounds" which utilizes blacktop areas that are painted to make game areas. The full kit & equipment includes stencils & road-durable paint, balls & related game equipment. The cost is just over \$2600. He believes it would be great to come up with a fundraiser to pay for this besides requesting money from the PTA.

## **New Business**

*Volunteerism*—From the forms filled out at the beginning of the school, the PTA had 65 people volunteer to help out with various activities.

### *Grant Requests*—

The 2<sup>nd</sup> vote to grant \$2,000 for the trip to Biz City was taken & funding was approved for \$2,000 (\$400 for busing & \$15 per student).

A request was made for \$200 to fund a 4<sup>th</sup> grade social in early February. Three parents are organizing it. Funding was approved for \$200.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers requested \$131.57 to purchase balance balls to help children who are extra fidgety stay more focused. The child sits on the ball & just balancing on it helps them be more focused in class. Funding was approved for \$131.57.

The Ramsey County Sheriff's Dept. requested \$188 to cover the cost of repair & upkeep of school patrol vests. Funding was approved for \$188.

A request was made for \$299 to purchase headphones & splitters for guided reading, so students can more easily listen to the CDs that are part of the reading program. Funding was approved for \$299.

The idea of requiring a person requesting a grant to attend the PTA meeting was discussed. At this time, it is not a requirement.

*Milk Caps*—We received \$195 from Kemps, along with \$105 in September, for turning in milk caps.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.