

Valentine Hills PTA
Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2007

Attendees:

Mary Ortt, Sonnie Evans, Janie Hecht, Deb Guthrie, Marre Jo Sager, Heidi Boyum, Carly Jacobsen, Jill Heuring, Sheila Treise, Lee Porath, Mary Lawrence, Wendy Brandt, Angela Litzinger, Julie Glanton, Jenny Specht, Chris Thompson, Julie Anderson, Lori Anderson, Jane Kennedy, Emily Spear, De Zhang, Jennifer McCann, Rebecca Morrisette, Toni Graham, Gina Kristufek, Cori Corgan, Lia Rieke, Terry Crane, Sue Johnson, Teresa Walbon, Jennifer Grindheim, Jen Mohlenhoff, Leta McDonald, Kara McCoy.

Welcome:

Introduction of PTA Executive Committee members, School Board Representative Marre Jo Sager, and Principal Flansburg.

Target:

Target representative presented a check for \$3075.

Thank You Notes:

“Thank You” cards were received from various recipients of gifts from the PTA.

Secretary’s Report:

The minutes of the May PTA meeting were reviewed & approved.

Treasurer’s Report:

The bank balance was \$5680.42, as of 9/7/07. This didn’t include some additional recent funds brought in by t-shirt sales & the Box Tops program, which will be reported at the next meeting

Budget Adjustment:

Classroom allotment funds for grades 4 & 5 have been adjusted based on a smaller number of classrooms, and higher number of students per class.

School Board Report:

Marre Jo Sager introduced herself. She also informed the members that the school board elections are occurring this year, with five candidates running for four seats on the board. This year there are 6,985 students enrolled in the MV-NB school district. The enrollment report & other school-related information are available online at www.moundsvIEWSchools.org. For the fifth year in a row, all of the traditional schools in our district passed the “No Child Left Behind” standards through student testing.

PTA Updates

- PTA Newsletter—There will be a newsletter going out from the PTA throughout the school year, to keep everyone up to date on what’s going on in the PTA.
- School Directory—The directories are in. PTA members present were able to pick them up at the meeting.
- T-shirt Sales—T-shirts are still for sale. There are quite a few shirts still available, in various sizes. The order form will eventually be on the school website, & will also occasionally come home in the red folders.
- Dessert Socials—The dessert socials include kindergarten through second grade only this year. The kindergarten social went well.

- Vision & Hearing Screening—They can always use more volunteers for this.
- Vice President Position—Someone has voiced interest in the VP position. Kara will speak with them further this week.
- Geckler—The annual fundraiser started this past Friday. The goal is \$18,000 in profits.

Principal's Report, & Questions/Concerns:

- Principal Flansburg spoke of his vision for the school. He believes it's important to build community, through staff & parents.
- Valentine Hills has been chosen as a pilot school for wireless internet, with some current changes taking place in the wiring in the building.
- The interactive whiteboard is a whiteboard connected to a computer program that lets students virtually "write" on the board & it shows on a screen. The goal right now is to see how the program works in the classroom. It will be piloted by Mr. Salvevold in his classroom
- The demographics for our school, & others, are available on the MN Dept. of Education website, under "School Report Cards".
- The "golden dustpan" award is given to the classroom that is kept the cleanest, & is awarded by the head custodian. The students are doing very well keeping their rooms clean.

New Business:

- Laurentian Fundraising—The spring flower sale brought in \$907 last spring, & the Linder's sale netted \$409.
- Membership Status—The Parent-at-Large is the contact for membership. There will be emails with PTA agenda & minutes, on a monthly basis.
- Bookfair—The Bookfair will take place this Fall, with a team of 3 people chairing it.
- PTA Grants—The PTA requires that requests for PTA funding be completed using the new grant proposal form. The following are current requests:
 - *Celebrating Good Behavior*—Requested by teacher specialists, it would fund prizes for students in classrooms that meet the specialists' behavior guidelines. Any classrooms reaching a set number of points will receive prizes on a special celebration day, which will occur five times per year. The request was for \$500. Funding was approved, to be taken from "Curriculum Culmination Support".
 - *Mounds View School District*—A request for funding of \$200, from each PTA, to pay for a speaker. Dr. David Walsh is scheduled to speak at Mounds View H.S. in November. Funding was approved, to be taken from "Discretionary Special Requests".
 - *Biz City*—This is a yearly event for 5th graders that the PTA has been funding each year. Funding was approved for requested amount of \$2000.00, to be taken from "Curriculum Culmination Support".
 - *Dance, Dance, Revolution*—Requested by Mrs. Brandt, this funding would cover the cost of the video game & gaming system to play the game. It would provide cardiovascular exercise for children. Funding was approved for request of \$180.00, to be taken from "Curriculum Culmination Support".

Requests/Suggestions for Leftover PTA Funds from 2006-07:

Please turn in requests or suggestions for use of excess funds of \$8,491 (less a few expenses). One suggestion is to install benches with the school name in front of the school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.