

**BOARD MINUTES - unapproved
Maple Hills PTA
Wednesday, April 15, 2009**



Soaring to New Heights

(note: motions passed, Board decisions, and action items are in **bold**)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m. by President Jennie Wildermuth. The meeting was held in the PTA portable, multipurpose room and kindergarten hallway due to accommodation issues. A quorum was present. Jennie distributed a handout from "Money Matters" regarding responsibilities of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pam Stucky previously distributed the minutes from the March meeting. **Motion was made and seconded to approve the March minutes as presented. Motion passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Friel distributed the year-to-date fiscal report. There is \$43,964.48 in General funds and \$604.70 in Emergency Prep funds. She informed the group that the PTA switched its bank account within US Bank to reduce fees. The account should be credited for March fees. **Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Beane updated the group on the state of the school: 424 students are enrolled. The State budget has not been finalized. The Governor is expected to sign off on it anywhere from mid-May until the first of June. The status of kindergarten for next year is: 2 full day classes, 6 remain on the waitlist. Plans for having one or two ½ day classes may not be known until summer. One full day teacher will be hired. Teachers will begin working on next year's class placements on May 1st. They would like information from the parents on students' learning styles versus requests for teachers by name. Due to the uncertainty of staffing, they will begin their student placements irrespective of teacher placements. The staffing seniority line regarding RIFs will be drawn on April 22nd. WASL is underway with make-ups taking place during the last week of April.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year's financial review will be conducted by Kim Wiess, Cindy Ross, Carla Wigen and the new treasurer. Outstanding Educator and Eagle Award nominations will take place in May. Two trainings at the council level are scheduled for anyone interested: May 21st for secretaries, treasurers, and presidents at Our Savior Lutheran Church and June 4th for ISF, Legislative Reps and parent ed. The Superintendent has met with every school in the district regarding budget and staffing. Survey results and updates on this matter are available on the district website. Also, newsletter articles are due.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ISF received the PTA's contribution and sent a thank you.
- Nominating committee: Rebecca Carter shared the positions that currently have nominees in them. Nominees are needed in membership, ways and means, and one-time events

VOLUNTEER'S REPORT

Jennie will email the volunteers of the month in Leslie Waltzer's absence.

- A bus greeting chair is needed for next year.
- Kindergarten Open House has been added to the Spring Dessert, Art Walk and Book Fair event on 6/4.
- Staff Appreciation: will be organized by the PTA Board during the first week of May.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Yearbook: orders are in and sales are final. There will be less than 80 to sell at the end of the year.

ONGOING PROGRAMS REPORT

- Student Banking: ends 5/1. Students are encouraged to make deposits over the next few weeks since Chase is discontinuing the program. Other banks may be considered for next year.

ONE-TIME EVENTS REPORT

- Science Van: went well
- Field Day: date has been set for 6/15. Kindergarten will participate with the student body this year.
- Math Team: Two teams of 4 students will attend "Math is Cool" on April 24th.
- Pizza Bingo: prizes need to be solicited via donation and the event will be planned soon.

SITE COUNCIL

- New copiers are in the work room. Patti Flanik and Sue Shantz can assist anyone with questions about them. The copiers are unable to handle construction paper.
- Next year's schedule will include 2 lunches instead of 3 and recess will take place before lunch.
- Keith is going to construct a step stool for the salad bar
- The Bond and Levy Committee meets on April 15th to vote on how many school buses will be purchased over the next 4 years. Buses must be scrapped after 7 years, but **Kimberly will bring a suggestion that the buses be sold after 6 years to generate more revenue.**
- The council reviewed the handling of the snow emergency last month and concluded that it was handled as well as it could have been under the circumstances. Anyone who has concerns with transportation is encouraged to write them a letter with a copy to the superintendent.
- Next meeting is April 17th.

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

- Box Tops: \$337 in revenue is coming in April. There will be one more collection before year-end.
- Eaglewear: orders are in
- PACE: continues to make more money than expected (\$1,014.35 to date)
- Escrips: **Molly Caskey will advertise that relatives of students may register their credit cards for the program.**
- Popcorn Friday: next one is April 17th. **A suggestion was made to have the dates announced one day prior to try to increase awareness/revenue.**

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- Walk-a-Thon: chair needed for next year.
- Auction: Kelly Applegate and Lisa DeVogel presented a detailed auction budget along with the background of its approval in April, 2008. Nearly \$10,000 in sponsorship money has been received to offset costs. They reiterated that the planned expenditure for this event is \$30,000 or less. Reimbursements requests continue to come in. Joan Friel requested that all reimbursements be submitted prior to the auction date of May 30, 2009 where possible. The chairs were complimented on their hard work and will update the group at the next Board meeting in May. Two people are needed to input which info will reflect what was won and by whom.
- Art Docent: Lana Matson will use her art budget to purchase buttons for the art walk. She distributed suggested uses for the “Raise the Paddle” related to art.

NEW BUSINESS

Patti Flanik discussed Camp Colman costs. As expected, they have increased. In the past, the PTA has given \$650 to offset camp costs. She presented different scenarios in which the per-person cost could range from \$130-\$150, depending on PTA contribution. She emphasized that all students must be able to attend camp. She would like to request PTA funds for an Environmental Camp Scholarship to include teachers as well as general funds to offset the total costs for the students. **The amount of PTA contribution to Camp Colman will be discussed at the General Membership meeting on April 21st.** A parent meeting will take place on May 5th.

Preliminary Budget: recommendations were made to reduce or eliminate budget line items in several categories which resulted in a net decrease of \$4,000. Cuts were recommended in the following categories: garden docent, directory (by way of rolling printing costs into increasing membership dues by \$1), ISF, student banking, Golden Acorn, staff and volunteer recognition. Elimination was recommended for Eagle Reader’s budget by funding it with donated books. AuctionPay expenses could be moved to operating expenses since this program could be used to pay membership dues among other things. **The preliminary budget will be further reviewed and voted on at the General Membership meeting on April 21st.**

A motion was made and seconded that the adult beverage portion that was consumed at the fused glass party be refunded to the Maple Hills PTA. Motion passed. The exact amount will be determined via receipt review.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Pam Stucky
Secretary