

## UNAPPROVED

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Maple Hills PTA

Thursday, October 2, 2008

#### CALL TO ORDER

The General Membership meeting of the Maple Hills PTA was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Jennie Wildermuth. It was held at Maple Hills Elementary. A quorum was present.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES/TREASURER'S REPORT

Minutes from the last General Membership meeting (04/22/2008) and the Treasurer's report as of 10/02/2008 were distributed as part of a consent agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve both the minutes and the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed.

#### PTA BUSINESS

- Jennie Wildermuth reviewed a list of events needing chairs: Pizza Bingo, Field Day, 4th/5th Grade Math Club and Science Fair.
- Volunteer Badge photos will be taken on October 23rd.
- Book Fair is October 6-10 with a pajama evening on October 9th featuring stories read by staff members.
- Sock hop is October 17. Patrols are still needed.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2008-2009 Standing Rules as presented
- Joan Friel distributed the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget with highlighted changes from April 2008. A motion was made and seconded to move the remaining \$1.84 in the kindergarten playground fund to the General Fund. Motion passed. A motion was made and seconded to pass the 2008-2009 Budget as presented. Motion passed.

#### PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Lana Matson, Chair of the Art Docent Program discussed her goals of giving art more visibility and structure at Maple Hills. She wants to return lesson plans created in 2003 to the classrooms along with creating new ones, ideally aligned with curriculum. Other goals included docent training, kiln training, returning the Art Walk to school and giving website access to the art docents to facilitate lessons. She also discussed this year's Reflections theme, "WOW!" and encouraged participation in this National PTA event locally chaired by Marcy Rand.
- 2) Maureen Todd gave an update on the school's emergency preparedness. Each classroom has a backpack containing various supplies including a student list. A colored card system allows the teachers to determine if all students are accounted for during drills. Maps are located throughout the buildings, and equipment is checked every October. Teams are assigned such as a medical, logistics, facilities, search and rescue, etc. Team duties are reviewed each year. Supplies were recently inventoried and shelves were installed in the metal container on the sand field. The goal is to acquire 1,000 food bars that have a shelf life of 5 years. Kirk Almquist reviewed a "wish list" for the container that includes power for a dehumidifier and lights.

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- 3) Kellie Batali encouraged all to attend the ISF luncheon on October 16<sup>th</sup> and noted that a funding presentation will be given in the future.

**OPEN FLOOR**

Kimberly Montague, Site Council update: the code of conduct is being revised and Eaglewear order forms are out.

A discussion of Camp Colman ensued. Kimberly advised that Site Council, as a group, along with the school, determines whether or not Camp Colman or some form of 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp continues. Patti Flanik distributed revenue/expenses associated with it.

Several suggestions were made regarding Camp Colman

1. Contribute what we can to a general fund on a voluntary basis
2. Raise the paddle at the auction
3. Advertise that spring picture money goes to Camp Colman
4. Market the camp during the early elementary years to build interest
5. Speak with fourth grade parents in the spring to raise awareness

A motion was made and seconded to submit a statement of support for 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp to Site Council. Motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to put the following items on the January General meeting agenda for discussion prior to the April budget meeting: increasing the budgets for the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp and Art Docent by up to \$5,000 each for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion passed.

PTA newsletter format was discussed. Consensus preferred an abbreviated newsletter distributed by student mail with access to the full version via website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

*Pam Stucky, Secretary*