

Enriching the Lives of the Pioneer Elementary School Family
General Meeting Minutes November 24, 2009

Welcome, Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m.

Secretary's Report

- Quorum is established.
- Erin moves to approve the September Minutes. Second. Motion carried.

Action Items

- Elect a Nominating Committee. Colleen Madden, Jeanne Trantum, and Erin McDonnell are elected with Denise Pantelis and Tiffin Moreno as alternates.

Presidents Report

- Recognition is due Kristi Rutledge for pulling together the school directory and Noha Gindy for her membership work.
- An art's committee is in the process of being formed to meet our goal of reviewing and identifying potential new arts opportunities for the school community.
- Part of this meeting's activities is a "green" posterboard presentation that highlight ways the Pioneer community is protecting the environment. A sustainability committee also is being sought to review the community's green practices and identify more ways we can care for the environment.
- A mid-year financial review and a community survey are in the works.

Principal's Report

- Get Up and Get Moving Fridays at 8:00 a.m. Annette McQueen is hosting yoga in the library while the kids are in the gym.
- The principal's fitness program will continue this year.
- Chris presented a map created by Paul Brewster. It is a walking map for our students. The plan is to appoint a walking route coordinator as a contact parent for groups of children who will be walking safely to school. Ideally, we will boost walking and bike riding to school.
- The Golden Shoe award was given to Raben/Tallman in November.
- Chris discussed what the teachers and staff do on late start from 7:30 - 9:30. The time is not spent getting information from the Principal - that is done via email. This time is devoted to the students and specific content areas. This time is not for teacher planning and making copies. They are having meaningful discussions about what they do and don't do well - what they could be doing differently. This information will be shared on the school Web site.

Officer Reports

- Treasurer's Report. Amy presented. Erin moves to approve. Second. All in favor.
- Membership Report. Noha reported that we have 48% participation. We need to reach out to kindergarten and first grade in order to have more of their voice in PTA. Twelve Pioneer staff are members of PTA.
- Book Fair. Best Fall ever. \$5,390.00 in sales. Our library received \$1,553.00 to purchase books.

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- Yearbook. Please put pictures on a disk and leave in PTA inbox to reach yearbook.
- Gardening. Slowing down, but not dead. The third graders are doing a test project making a dragon out of sticks and old clothes. In the Spring, Mrs. McQueen will coordinate a project where the children make a story about the garden. Any child can participate.

New Business

- Carrie presented on Craft Night. It is December 17. There will be hot cocoa gift mixes, cards, stamping, snowflakes, and beaded snowflakes. The theme is Winter Solstice.
- Homework Club. This will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:00. The students will be working with high school students in the library or various open classrooms. It is sit down, get busy, study time. One adult will be there at all times.

Meeting Adjourned

- Noha moves to adjourn at 8:03. All in favor.