

Slingerlands Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2012 7:00 PM

INTRODUCTION

- Tami called the meeting to order at 7:00
- There were no changes to the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS

Principal, Heidi Bonacquist

- Discussed the new superintendent, Dr. Thomas Douglas. He spent some time at Slingerlands Elementary last week, met the teachers, and will be returning again soon. His entry plan is on the district website. He is a wonderful addition to the district.
- The Grade 4/5 Music concert will be held at the High School due to space issues.
- The After School Enrichment Program began last week; the children are having a great time. Thank you to those who coordinated, as it was a very smooth process.

Teacher Representative, Connie Clarkson and Alix Messier

- Reiterated how smoothly the beginning of the ASE Program went.

Treasurer, Beth Ryan

- Received a check for almost \$700 from Box Tops for Education
- Received a donation in the amount of \$803.39.

Co-Presidents, Tami Richter & Jenean Taranto Watson

- Story Pirates: A National group of actors and musicians who take a simple story submitted by children, and turn it into a live play. Katherine and Tami attended a production at Elsmere, were very impressed, and wanted to introduce the concept to the Slingerlands community. The cost to bring them in is approximately \$3000, but the children and parents love it, it fosters imagination and creativity, and is something different to think about doing for the children next year. A fundraiser or re-allocation of costs would be required to cover the expense. Heidi will discuss with the faculty.
- PTO Update: Jenean needs to complete some documentation, should be submitting within a week or so.
- Raffle Baskets: Volunteers are needed! Some examples of volunteer work is to sell tickets at either the musical or art show, work at the carnival, or meet up with the chairs for a couple of hours to assemble the baskets. The concept of the raffle baskets is that each class has a theme for their basket (i.e. iPod, Spa, etc.). People bid on the baskets by purchasing tickets, which are then pulled out of a bag by Heidi to announce the winner.

PRESENTATION

- Officer Mike Whiteley offered a presentation regarding cyber-bullying and internet safety. He reiterated a few rules to ensure our children are following, including:
 - Do not to provide any personal information on the internet. This includes anything that might be a clue as to your child's identity or location, such as age, school, school colors, favorite restaurant, etc.
 - Keep your e-mail address anonymous (don't use your real name)
 - Keep away from internet strangers
 - Keep telling your parents (keep the line of communication open)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Spring Fundraiser – we have two choices: Candy Kraft or Gertrude Hawk.
 - Candy Kraft is locally owned, and we would get 35% of the profit from sales.
 - Gertrude Hawk is a national brand, and we would get 50% of the profit from sales.
 - Both have a similar timetable to have deliveries before Easter
 - All in attendance took a vote by show of hands, and Candy Kraft will be the company that we purchase from.
- Family Movie Night – Will be Friday, March 9. There is a \$100 licensing fee, which the PTA will cover. Popcorn will be served, the movie is still to be decided.
- “Fun Run” – Heidi will discuss the possibility of bringing this back with the PE department.
- Friendship Bracelets – there are 100 bracelets left, a vote was taken and it was agreed that the will be sold for \$3 at the school store.