

Remington Traditional PTO
Meeting Minutes for September 1, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Laura Wick, Amanda Freeman, Veronica White, Lisa Luna-Schwarz, Pam Davenport, Jackie McDuffie, Kori Carlyon, Michelle Moser, Jodi Schrupf, Kelley Villinger, Heidi Mansdoerfer, Troy Boyce, Cordelia Robinson, Kim VanBuren, Robin Wilkerson, Andrea Jennings, Patty Koch, Carol Clifford, Neal Randell, Mandi Randell, Therese Kulla-Abbott, Ann Merrifield, Sandy Maloney, Michelle Wedig

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. August minutes were reviewed and approved. (Van Buren, Maloney)

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: It is great to have so many people participating in PTO this year! Looking forward to the Chili Supper.

Treasurer: The report was voted on and approved. (Maloney, Moser)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

-We had a great start to the year!

-Hired a new clerk named Florida Jenkins.

-Received MAP scores and made AYP.

-No longer a Title I school, so we will not receive that financial support this year. Got about \$68,000 from that last year, which allowed us to hire a reading specialist. So, we will not be able to hire a paraprofessional to support math and reading this year.

-5th grade teachers are getting ready for 5th grade camp, which will be Sept. 29-Oct. 2.

-Will begin NWEA testing the week of September 8th.

-Many K-1 students are eating breakfast and having difficulty finishing by 8:05, so Mrs. Schnatmeier has been staying another 5 minutes in the cafeteria with them.

-RTS data teams will focus on literacy (reading and writing) this year. They will be charting reading growth and achievement.

-Peanut free rooms have signs posted at the door that designate this.

-SIT representative will present at PTO meetings this year.

-Chat and Chew (lunch for K-5 and new students with Dr. Luna Schwarz) will begin in mid September.

TEACHER REPORTS:

McDuffie:

-Let Mrs. Schnatmeier know if you would like to volunteer to help with the RTS float for the Homecoming Parade, which will be October 3.

-Ms. Reed requests the 5th grade camp donation that PTO supplies each year.

-Ms. Bacon spent the \$500 we approved for new books last year on Mark Twain books, so she needs to get the check to the district.

-Middle school requests two more bulletin boards.

Davenport: She and Stephanie Hughes are working on purchasing two carts (large ones that will be shared by the teachers in each wing) for the playground equipment, so the teachers do not have to store equipment in their cramped rooms or block the hallways. They will be purchased with Box Top money and will cost \$299 each. Stephanie already purchased 36 playground balls, 36 jump ropes, 4 footballs, and 4 basketballs with Box Top money. If anyone would like to donate gently used equipment, contact Stephanie at toddsteph@hotmail.com.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising (Sandy Maloney): To motivate more kids to participate in the fundraiser this year, we are not doing a grand prize to the one who sells the most. Instead, anyone who sells 25 items will earn the reward of a limo ride and pizza at America's Incredible Pizza. We will only get 40% of the profit, though, not 50% like last year. The top selling class will receive a pizza party. Students can also earn prizes from school by selling 8 and then 18 items. Simply fill out the coupons included in the fundraising packet, and your child can collect the prizes at school. All fundraising forms need to be turned in by September 11, and the product pick up will be October 6 from 3-7 pm.

Membership (Laura Wick): Volunteer lists will be going out to committee chairpersons soon. So far, 203 Buzz Books have been purchased.

Hospitality (Jodi Schrumpf): The teacher "Welcome Back" lunch will be September 10.

Beautification (Jodi Schrumpf): A memo has gone out in the Reader for donations of perennials.

Chili Supper (Andrea Jennings and Patty Koch): It will be October 22 from 5-7 pm.

Box Tops/Market Day (Stephanie Hughes): See earlier note under Davenport's teacher report. Market Day will start in October.

Spirit Wear: There will be three different designs and window clings. Also found the missing clings from two years ago!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Still need six more computer chairs to finish up the lab. Motion to purchase (McDuffie/Clifford). Approved. Will purchase after the fundraiser.

Motion to approve the bulletin boards for middle school, but suggestion that we have a committee to meet with Dr. Luna Schwarz next year to check on what we can purchase through the school budget. (Van Buren, Freeman). Approved.

NEW BUSINESS: We would like a PTO bulletin board by the office. Dr. Luna Schwarz suggested we use the calendar one because not many utilize it.

Other suggestions: bulletin board squares; magnetic paint

Discussion about whether anything should be done for those kids who didn't participate at all or didn't sell 25 items in the fundraiser. Consensus: No.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm. Next meeting will be October 6 at 7 pm.