

Remington Traditional PTO
Meeting Minutes for October 6, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Laura Wick, Amanda Freeman, Veronica White, Lisa Luna-Schwarz, Pam Davenport, Michelle Moser, Jodi Schrupf, Troy Boyce, Cardelia Robinson, Kim VanBuren, Robin Wilkerson, Mandi Randell, Ann Merrifield, Sandy Maloney, Michelle Wedig, Pamela Kirkwood, Traci Hodges, Stephanie Hughes, Lynda Sotolar

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Market Day presentation: The first order is due by October 13 for the October 19 pickup. Pay when you pick up the food. The code to use online is 27918.

September minutes were reviewed, amended, and approved. (Wick, Luna-Schwarz)

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: New volunteers always welcome. Someone has volunteered to be the next treasurer. We will discuss it in the new business.

Treasurer: The report was presented and approved. (Wick, Merrifield)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

-5th Grade Camp was a success! Twelve kids did have to be sent home sick, though.

-First **Principal's coffee** will be tomorrow morning at 9 am. It will be an opportunity to chat with her informally. She is providing coffee and homemade cinnamon rolls.

-The Building Leadership team meets tomorrow and will discuss the structure of **Grandparents' Day** and ways we can improve it. Is PTO going to provide cookies and milk like they did last year?

-Renaissance Program: Celebrates and recognizes students for good behavior, academic excellence, and citizenship.

-**ROAR cards:** Staff give these out to students for being Remington role models. Each week, names are drawn for prizes.

-**PAW awards:** Class gets one for perfect attendance. When they get enough to spell "perfect attendance", they get a prize. (20 different choices. They vote for which one they want)

-Students may also receive individual perfect attendance awards each trimester.

-Attendance incentives are being implemented because we must maintain 95% attendance to make AYP.

-Middle school students will be part of the Renaissance committee this year to promote leadership and school pride.

-Discipline referral data for the past two years was shared. Referrals were down last year. (51 compared to 158 in 07-08)

-Renaissance was implemented in February 2009.

-New Reading Achievement Assessment is being piloted by the district. Our third graders were tested today. Data will be used to target those students who are not reading at grade level, so we can implement specific strategies to monitor their growth and progress. If it proves to be a successful assessment, we may add additional grades later.

-Data teams (starting on the ½ day October 16) will be looking specifically at reading and writing growth for K-5. Communication Arts and Math will be looked at in 6-8. The teams will talk about very specific, high yielding instructional strategies.

-Cross Country Intramurals are being offered this fall. We are competing against the other two middle schools.

-Afterschool activities offered this year include Tech Club (K-8), Art Club (3-5), Intramurals (6-8), Choir (3-5), STUCO (6-8), Newspaper (6-8), and Yearbook (6-8).

-Intruder drills: One practice already. Level 1 = lock doors and continue teaching. Level 2 = Lock doors and hide.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Spirit Wear (Veronica White): So far, 105 pieces have been sold, which has earned \$243 profit. First order has been delivered. The second order will be handed out at the Chili Supper.

Fundraising (Sandy Maloney): Today was pick up. We have 356 students, and 159 participated. Seventy kids sold 25+ items and will be riding in the limo to America's Incredible Pizza.

There was only a two item difference between the first and second place class. First place gets a pizza party. Motion to give the second place class a popcorn party. (Luna-Schwarz, Moser)

We earned \$10,279.61.

Box Tops (Stephanie Hughes): We got 6443 box tops. First place: 570; Second place: 268; Third place: 237.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The **playground carts** were ordered September 9, but they have not come in yet.

At the September executive PTO meeting, we discussed creating a **treasurer elect position** for the incoming treasurer to shadow the current one for the last six months of the term. This would enable the new treasurer to learn the job from the outgoing treasurer.

The idea was put forth in tonight's general meeting, and the motion was made to create the position. (Hughes/Wick)

A parent (not present at tonight's meeting) and an executive board member had both volunteered to fill the position prior to tonight's meeting. Kim Van Buren (board member) withdrew her name. Per the by-laws, notice will be sent out to all PTO members to see if there is any other interest in the position. The nominations will be at the November meeting and the election will be at the December meeting.

-The **middle school bulletin boards** were paid for and are in.

-The **PTO bulletin board** is still being worked on by Veronica. She has a few different ideas about how to attach it to the wall.

SIT report (Laura Wick): They would like more movie nights and want PTO to sell food.

The three goals:

1. Improve academic achievement in math, science, and communication arts
2. Responsible citizenship
3. More community and parent involvement

They want to do email trees through a company called Constant Contact. This would enable us to send out school wide emails. PTO Today membership allows us to do this for free. Veronica said she already has this account set up through PTO Today; we just need to input the emails. Mandi Randell volunteered to do that.

Subway cards can be used to earn money for our school. (like escrips-just put money on the card)

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion about some pros and cons of the Renaissance program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. Next meeting at 7 pm on November 3 in the cafeteria.