

IEPTO Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM in the Franzen School Media Center.

Minutes: Wendi McClellan

Minutes from T. Sprandel shared by Wendi McClellan. The motion to accept the minutes by Lisa Ciccio & Lisa Sgarbossa

Treasurer's Report: Elsa Willy

The motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kara Fleming and Mr. Bergmann.

Special Guest: Dr. Marcia Tornatore

- Internet Safety is FREE for us & the District
 - VA Police Chief, FBI agent (6-6:45) & Eric Estrada (5-6 PM)
 - Location TBD
- Space issues at Franzen rectified
 - We received a \$100,000 grant to help with expenses
 - Houses Art, Music, Reading, & other services
- Had a demographic study done
- Residency has to be shown every year
- Assessment Programs
 - Previously done nationally normed assessments
 - Chose electronic assessments
 - Give immediate results
 - Indicate how students will do on ISATs
 - Different tests for Benson than Franzen & Peacock
- Budget – July 1 to June 30
 - Budget has to be balanced by law
 - The 2009/2010 budget is balanced
 - Beginning to look at 2010/2011 budget (usually done in January)
 - Board is looking at non-mandated programs and their cost
 - Deficit of about \$350,000

Principals' Reports:

Dr. Turner:

- Children's Progress testing starting next week for all students at Benson
- CAPS – Child Assault Prevention Parent Meeting – Thurs., Sept. 17 @ 7 PM given by YWCA
 - Teach kids to be Safe, Strong, & Free
 - Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th Grades (done in classroom setting)
- Special Friends Day – Friday, September 25th
 - 1 Hour – 2 friends over 12 years old
 - 10:15 -11:15 for all students in AM, 12:45 – 1:45 for PM students only
 - School Reach – District Automated phone calls for special events & PTO

Mr. Murphy:

- Thank you for support in the beginning of the school year
- Special Friends Day – Friday, September 18th, 1:10-2:10 PM
- Rough Spot Training for all Franzen students
 - Research-based program about helping students deal with emotions
 - Cool thoughts/Hot thoughts
 - Same terminology school-wide is used
- Birthday Treats
 - Please keep in mind allergies and providing healthy alternatives or non-food tokens
 - List available from nurse @ both schools
- All school field trip to Lake Park's Production of Anne of Green Gables - Oct. 8, 9-11Am
- ThinkLink testing starts Oct. 5
- Halloween Party & Parade in the afternoon of Oct. 30th – times to be determined

- Mr. Murphy graciously opened the new mobile classrooms for those that hadn't seen it

Teacher Reports – Ms. Mitchell & Mr. Bergmann:

- Room Parties from a teachers perspective
 - Party Plan w/a time breakdown & activities
 - Contact teacher a few weeks prior to the party when you have a plan
 - Bring supplies you need, including wipes
 - Be aware of ingredients, allergies, & healthy snack choices
 - No glitter, pizza & glue projects don't dry
 - Keep games in the room
 - Clean up after party – have students help
 - Do not use food items for game tokens due to allergies
 - Party is 1 hour – teachers need a chance to clean up & pack up students
- Thank you for supporting the bookfairs – they help keep the library fresh and current
- Art projects will be displayed at Starbucks – changed monthly
- 5th Grade Outdoor Ed. Coming up next week
- Thank you to Dibels testing Volunteers

President's Report & Committee News:

- Thank you to ALL volunteers!
- Volunteers still need form Franzen Challenge & Franzen Book Fair
- E-mail distribution list will be put together using info from the phone directory
- Cookies to sample from cookie order (Fall Fundraiser)
- Jim Gill CD & Books orders open until Sept. 30
- Babysitting now available at IEPTO meetings
 - Peacock students are serving Service Hours
- Some help still needed for classroom parties – Theresa Sprandel
 - Mrs. McNulty's PM class, Ms. Petrucci & Ms. Santallano @ Holiday
- No water bottles at the parties & healthy snack list provided
- Spirit Wear is NOT fundraiser, but sale is in progress – Rebecca Petit
- All Fundraising or event checks make out to IEPTO
- Nancy Ciccia & Laura Mack are taking over Market Day
 - Need Volunteers on Saturday mornings for pick up
- Directories are at the printers – Denise Butler
- Culture Week being moved to January
- Hot Lunch forms were due today
 - Allergy issues resolved w/Home Run Inn
 - Pasta separate from sauce
 - First Hot Lunch is Oct. 2
 - Dec. 18th Hot Lunch is NOT on District calendar, but was on order form
- Fall Fundraiser is Sally Foster & Cookie Dough
- Newsletter flier deadline is Sept. 25
- Back-to-School Sock Hop is Oct. 2 @ Peacock, 6:30 – 8:30

Next Meeting: Nov. 2nd, Benson @ 7 PM

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Submitted by: Wendi McClellan, Secretary
