

F.E. Peacock Middle School PTO Minutes of

January 4th 2011

Anne Larson PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Our school board representatives were present at the meeting: Valerie Hogan School Board President, Kathryn Miller School Board Secretary, Michelle Groves-Hoses School Board Member, and Daniel Kolar School Board Member. Our faculty representatives were Dr. Marcia Tornatore Superintendent, Dr. Reinhard Nickisch Peacock Principal, and Sandra Bernahl Teacher. Present were PTO President Anne Larson, Cheryl Pigott Treasurer, Denise Glennon Secretary. Peacock Parents present were Frances Avgerinos, Yulinda Meccia, Cheryl Parker, Jenny Burke, and Tammi Edgecombe.

School Board – Valerie Hogan

We have received the bright red apple award again this year. We seem to receive it year after year. 90% of our students meet & accede state standards. Discovery assessments are now three times a year, and staff has received training on this computer testing. We have budget short falls again this year. This year's CPI or consumer price index is 2.7. We are having more meetings regarding the budget again this year and encourage everyone to attend. The next budget meeting is Jan.12th @ 6:00 pm just before our regular school board meeting and Feb. 5th @ 1:00 pm, both meeting will be held at the Itasca Village Hall. We have posted frequently asked question on the school website. We are looking at more cut and invite everyone to come out to the meetings. The school staff did take a pay freeze 2010-2011.

Dr. Tornatore: I would like to thank the teachers and principals for their hard work in response to intervention. Teaching is towards ISATS, because discovery assessment is close in line to the ISATS as well as the curriculum. There were changes to the test so the test, curriculum, flow together. Comments are welcome, we have a place on our website. We have a weekly news letter that is sent out to e-mail address. You can sign up for the weekly news letter on line, there is also a like to other web sites and the PTO. The school board has a finance committee which is focused and reports directly to the board. They meet with superintendents and the principles. We go over everything with why or why not to increase. Mrs. Miller: The committee is made up of people who are in finance and work well together. It is a good group of people. Mr. Kolar: Each has many ideas and it is hard to put some ideas in place. Many bring change and then we bring it to the board. Next school board meeting is Jan. 12th 7:00 pm and hour earlier @ 6:00 pm for the budget meeting.

Committee Reports

Scholarship & Box Tops – Yulinda Meccia

Scholarship applications are due by March 18th if you know of a student at Lake Park. We received a check from Box Tops for \$309.90. Michelle Catalano will be taking over the Box Top for next year.

Minutes – Denise Glennon

The minutes of October 5th 2010 were read. An error in the price for the benefit nights was incorrect, notice by Cheryl Parker. It should have been \$168.00.

Cheryl Parker made a motion to approve the report with the changes. Sandy Bernahl seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the changes.

Treasurer's Report – Cheryl Pigott

The treasurer's report was presented and Sandy Bernahl made a motion to approve the report. Frances Avgerinos seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Principal's Report – Dr. Nickisch

Dr. Spitler is coming on Feb. 15th to speak to the 8th graders & St. Luke's Students at 8:00 am in the Media Center. He will be talking about the loss of his daughter to drugs. The 8th grade graduation is on May 31st Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Lake Park East Campus. The dinner dance is usually the Friday after, this year it will be June 3rd. The Great America trip is the Friday before, this year it will be May 27th. Discover assessment is starting on Monday Jan. 10th. The science fair is Feb. 5th all students are encouraged to get involved. Items for the school calendar are due in March.

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Benefit Nights – Cheryl Parker

Our next benefit night is Jan. 26th @ Cross Roads in Wood Dale. It will include dine in or carry out. We are looking at possible getting a teacher's order together for lunch. It is a Wednesday night.

Dances – Denise Glennon

Next dances are Jan. 14th Music Boosters and Feb. 18th PTO.

Hot Lunch – Cheryl Pigott

We are now peanut free. We have healthy food choices, with fruit cups, fresh fruit, yogurt and

more. New hot lunch order forms are due back Jan. 21st.

Target

We received a check for \$277.95.

Media Center – National Library Week-Sandy Bernahl

In the spring at Anderson's Book Store they have a author's come out to speak about their books. The cost is \$99.00 to send a teacher. National library week is in April. She plans to attend but it would be nice if we were able to send another teacher.

Meeting adjourned by Anne Larson at 8:10pm.