



PTA Meeting

Tuesday May 6, 2014

In Attendance: Michele Tregoning, Lori Marshall, Lori Andrus, Shobha Rajan, Lee Derby, Spencer Delisle, Sean McGee, Karina Hirschhorn, Jen Coakley, Kristie Scott, Lauren Birrer, Erin Prange, Laurie Whitney, Susie Audet, Amy Hoffacker and Erich Jankowski.

7:00 - 7:05 pm Call to order and Welcome- Michele Tregoning, PTA President.

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Welcome to Mr. Sean McGee, Principal of Wilson Wims Elementary school.

7:05 – 7:20 pm Wilson Wims Elementary School update – Sean McGee, Principal

- Apologized for not being able to attend our last PTA meeting due to a family emergency.
- He assured the community that the construction will all be done on time and the new school will open right on time.
- Kindergarten orientation is next week from Wednesday thru Friday (May 14-16). Please call the school office, if you have a Kindergarten student coming in, to get the packet.
- We are still in the process of selecting the day care provider for the school, as we have received 14 proposals. We should know by end of May.
- We will most likely have 7 buses, we are talking to transportation and actual bus routes and times will be known soon.
- We are going to get together with all the families of kids moving to the new school from both Cedar Grove ES and Little Bennett ES on June 1st from 3-5 pm at Ovid Hazen Wells Park.
- We cannot give parents a building tour yet as the Fire marshal will have to give the approval.
- Not sure when our Back to school dates will be as it depends on when the construction will be completed.
- We also have a meeting at 7pm on May 20th at Rocky Hill Middle school to establish the PTA for the school.
- We are 90% staffed right now and are still getting applications and interviewing candidates.
- We will be sending an email and a phone call to both school parents who will be moving to the new school so that they know where they will be going next year. Hopefully it works.

7:20 – 7:30 pm Presidents report – Michele Tregoning

- April meeting minutes were approved.
- Our Bylaws have been approved and we are good to go for the next 3 years.

Correspondence/Secretary's Report—Shobha Rajan

- We received a wonderful note from the 4th grade team thanking the PTA for the breakfast for Staff Appreciation week.
- We also received a nice note from Mrs. Birrer thanking the PTA for the wonderful Read-a-thon and also mentioned that the gifts were very motivating.
- We also received a lovely poster from Mrs. M& M thanking the PTA for everything that we do.
- The notes were passed around for everyone present to read.

Treasurer's Report - Lori Marshall

- Deposited money from Bingo Night and Spirit night.
- Spent money on field trip supplements and to buy books for Media center.
- Reimbursed for Around the World Night, Reading Night and Spring Dance.
- Printed out sales tax guidelines for book fair. If checks are written to scholastic then we do not have to pay sales tax.

7:35 – 7:50 pm Staff Liaison Report – Karina Hirschhorn

- Thanks to the PTA for the Staff Appreciation, also thanks for the gift received in the drawing.
- The Earth day was wonderful with so many stations which could not have been possible without the help of all the volunteers. Thanks for all your support. A big thank you to the Tregoning family who once again allowed us access to their land and stream, so we could have a stream study station.
- Career day was so much fun our 5th graders really enjoyed it. Thanks to all the parents who came in that day, it made all the difference to our students who are studying careers of the future.
- Rodell Lee scholarship form is available on the school web site.

Principal's report – Lee Derby

- Field day was great, thanks to all the parents who came in to volunteer.
- We had an amazing Billy B assembly, kids were very excited. We all did learn some new things. We still have two more cultural assemblies this year.
- Kindergarten orientation starts tomorrow, we are expecting over 100 kids coming in next year. Thanks to Jen Coakley for helping with it. We might have 5 Kindergarten classes next year.
- The Principal newsletter will be coming out tomorrow.
- We will be losing around 100 students to the new school, class sizes looks pretty good for next year.
- Transition committee for the new school met yesterday, they are working to make the transition smooth for the students.
- All the portables at our school will stay next year.

8 - 8:15 pm Committee Reports

Read-a-Thon (Michele Tregoning): Read-a-Thon was a wonderful success, we made a little more than \$14,000. Hope the students enjoyed their prizes. Ms. Gordon is working on getting our 2 top readers to read to the dog.

Spring Dance (Kristie Scott): Spring dance was a huge success, we had 125 students who attended the event. It was nice to have more room for the kids to enjoy as it was held at Rocky Hill MS. The DJ was good and our kids had a great time.

Family Picnic: We have 3 chairs for the Family picnic, they have decided to go with a carnival theme with tons of ideas and tons of booths. So they need lots of volunteers and will be sending out Sign up Genius link soon. Kids Co will not be able to provide the shuttle so we are talking to a bus company about the rates and Kids Co has offered to pay half of it. This year we are not asking for baskets from all classes, but teacher auction will still be there.

Nominating Committee (Jen Coakley): We have been working hard to get nominations and still we are looking for nominee for the position of President of PTA. If anyone wants to nominate their friends please contact me. Election is on June 2nd at the PTA meeting. We cannot have 3 Vice-Presidents, we will need a President.

8:15 – 8:20 pm Old and New Business

No old business; New Business:

- Gifted and Talented identification committee met today, 2nd grade students who are identified for this program will receive a letter over the next few weeks.
 - 3rd graders who were rescreened will also receive the final results in the next couple of weeks.
- Lori Marshall brought it up that one of our parents spoke to her about having a position in the PTA for an advocacy role as a parent of a child who is away from school for a long time. She was also willing to fill the position and work to make this easier for reentry for the child and work as a liaison between the family and staff. She wanted to know if we should implement this and how it can be done.
 - Mr. Derby suggested that the parent could work with Mrs. Spoales.
- Read-a-thon money can be spent on purchasing a laptop cart.
- We will not be having the Joe Corbi fundraiser as the CEO of the company has left and so there are lots of changes, no more nonfood things to order, no wrapping paper etc. Also the price has been increased on the items, so we will look into other options.
- We will have our PTA board election at our next PTA meeting on June 3rd.
- Billy B assembly was great, next one is Science is everywhere on May 20th. Inputs on what shows you would like to see if welcome. Music and dance shows are really expensive.
- Thanks to the LandGard committee who came in last weekend and worked in the garden.

8:30pm Mrs. Tregoning adjourned the meeting.