

Linden Hill PTA Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2010

Attendees: Debbie Brady, Meghan Brady, Ann Brubaker, Cheryl Cox, Barbra Creswell, Kim Fetrow, Martha Fong, Nikki Graham, Debbie Hermansader, Sukrit Kompella, Marisa Livaditis, Amy Malick, Shannon Marroni, Jennifer Mathe, Angie Melasecca, Renee Paoli, Annette Pic, Jackie Schaus, Laura Beth Taylor

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Jackie Schaus, 1st Vice President, brought the meeting to order at 7:06PM.

Guest speakers on "Internet Safety & Our Children" - Ms. Susan Schmidhauser - Deputy Attorney General State of DE

Recommended websites to utilize - WWW.Cybertipline.com & WWW.Netsmarts.com

Ms. Yanaka Bernal - LHE Technology Teacher

Recommended websites to utilize - WWW.scratch.mit.edu, kerpooof, little big planet, think.com & adventure rock

Approval of Minutes

- Nikki Graham, Secretary, presented the November meeting minutes. Shannon Marroni motioned to approve and Barbra Creswell made the second motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Renee Paoli, Treasurer, presented the November treasurer's report. Jackie Schaus motioned to approve and Nikki Graham made the second motion. November reports were approved.

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Committee Activity Updates Provided by the Vice Presidents

[Committees Reporting to Jackie Schaus-1st Vice President](#)

Membership

- Congratulations to Mrs. Collison's Kindergarten Class for winning the Membership Drive Contest. The class had 71% participation. The "Thank you" party will be on December 3rd.
- There are currently 340 members - goal is 350.
- The program for printing membership cards has adjusted a few things to make it easier to print cards. Thank you for your patience.
- There are still 10 PTA chairs that have not handed in their membership. It is mandatory that all chairs be PTA members so turn those forms in ASAP. If you need a form please email Shannon at smarroni@msn.com

5th Grade Activities

- Dance was a blast! 98 of the 115 5th graders were in attendance along with all of the 5th grade teachers, Dr. Bradley, Mrs. Brady, Ms. Brady, Ms. Lim, Ms. Phillips and Ms. Gamgort. Thank you to all the parent volunteers & Eileen Bernart & Kim Allen for providing decorations. Thank you to Mr. Fleetwood for donating his DJ services. It was one sweaty evening!

Fundraising

- Class parties for the walk-a-thon winners were held on November 18th & 19th. The entire school was treated to ice cream sandwiches for meeting our goal on November 17th. Thank you all for your support.

- Silent Auction is moving forward. Again, keep March 12, 2011 open. We have a parent assigned for most classrooms to handle the class baskets. Look for a few new themes this year. JR Fleetwood has agreed to DJ the event.
- Subcommittees have been formed and more info will be coming soon about the event, Family Preview Night, etc. Ms. Bernal is coordinating the teacher donations. Many donations from businesses are already coming in - Keurig, Walt Disney World, Funland, Salon by Dominic, etc to name a few. If you own a business or know of someone who owns a business, beach house, etc that would be willing to make a donation, please contact Barbra Creswell or Lynn Correll.

Library

- Nothing to report.

Theater

- Nothing to report.

Product Incentives

- Acme Gift cards are available.
- Remember to turn in your Zingo's receipts.
- Box Top Blitz will start on January 3rd. Send in your box tops - if possible trim on the dotted lines. Box tops must be precisely trimmed when mailed. Currently Tara trims all of the box tops that are sent in.

Student of the Week

- Nothing to report.

Directory

- The Directory is in. Since September Harolyn & Michelle have been collecting, checking & rechecking entries submitted by our families. This proved to be a much bigger task this year with the number of students as well as getting approval forms from parents and guardians. Once the labels are delivered the directories will be delivered.

Legislative

- Nothing to report.

Playground

- Nothing to report.

Committees Reporting to Kim Fetrow - 2nd Vice President

School Beautification

- Nothing to report.

Staff Appreciation

- A great Fall Feast was held in November.
- A dessert buffet will be served on December 15th. Donations will be requested by all, as December is a busy month.
- The 3rd grade will host the January 19th - "souper bowl" luncheon.

Newsletter

- Newsletter has been sent to the printer.
- The newsletter will be in February. Deadline for articles will be Wednesday, January 12th.

Book Fair

- Volunteers exceeded 50 throughout the week from set-up to pack-up!
- There was over \$14,000 in gross sales. Having two family nights vs. the Saturday family event was a huge success. Thank you Mrs. Marinelli for suggesting this. Both evenings were non-stop busy from 4:30-6:30. There were people lined up before 4:30!
- Approximately \$400 was donated for One for Books, which means Mrs. Marinelli, received \$400 in books AND a charitable organization receives 400 books in Linden Hill's name.
- There are still approximately 20 orders to fill as we wait for books to be delivered from Scholastic. The students were great about understanding that they could pre-pay for a last copy book and wait until it comes in. The fair will not officially close until we either fill those orders or refund if needed.
- The guesstimate profit is \$3000.
- Tatiana & Janet are resigning from the book fair committee. Please see Tatiana or Janet if interested in taking over for next year. Minimums of two people are needed.

Kindergarten Orientation

- Looking for new chair for this committee; preferably a current Kindergarten parent who has fresh thoughts to pass on.

Reflections

- Entries are coming in & Vinencza is in the process of emailing parents with corrections that need to be made & missing information from entry forms.
- Linden Hill winners will be announced in January.

School Programs

- Jonathan Sprout will be coming to Linden Hill on Tuesday, December 7th performing his American Heroes 1 Concert. Two performances featuring songs about George Washington, Martin Luther King, Amelia Earhart, among other real-life heroes.
- CD pre-order forms went home with students prior to Thanksgiving break. Any additional orders need to be submitted ASAP.

Yearbook

- Presales are going great! Over \$1,000 in sales so far.
- Deadline for discount is December 15th. Debra DiStefano is handling all financial & orders for the yearbook.

Committees Reporting to Laura Beth Taylor - 3rd Vice President

Welcome Back

- Nothing to report.

School Store

- The next round of shopping will be in January.

Spirit Wear

- Nothing to report.

Post Office

- Post office is up and running.

Hospitality

- Nothing to report.

School Pictures

- Retake day is November 9th.

Carnival

- The date of the carnival will be February 5th (long weekend) with a CandyLand theme.
- Chairs are needed for Dress A Bear (possibly sewing involved) & Face Painting.
- There will be no baskets as the carnival as they will now be incorporated in to the Silent Auction. In place of the baskets the committee would like to do a classroom craft. A rep is needed from each class.
- Flyers will come home with requests for volunteers in January.

Family Activities

- Nothing to report.

Field Day

- Nothing to report.

TV Turnoff

- Nothing to report.

Website

- Please give Cami any & all dates so they can be added to the website www.lindenhillpta.org.

Principal's Report (presented by Mrs. Brady)

- Mrs. Brady thanked all those volunteers that assist with the many extracurricular activities.
- All curriculum nights held have been well attended.
- Reminder to utilize the Red Clay District, Linden Hill & LH PTA websites. Announcements & calendar events are regularly updated.
- Join the Chorus & String students at the Winter Concert on December 16th at 6pm.

- There will not be a choice open house as choice is closed for choice. There will be an open house for those entering Linden Hill on January 11th at 6pm.
- DCAS results will be sent out in the near future. Be on the lookout.

Old Business

- December Food Drive in progress. Looking for some 5th grade helpers - see Ms. Cox.
- Discussion ensued regarding the classroom crafts for the Carnival. Class parents will be in touch for a small donation & information.

New Business

- No new business to report.

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Please remember to fill out your membership applications.**
- **December 3rd (Friday) - Pride Day**
- **December 7th (Tuesday) - Jonathan Sprout Assembly**
- **December 9th & 10th (Thursday & Friday) - Early Dismissal - Conferences 1pm**
- **December 14th (Tuesday) - Purchase/Pick-up ACME Gift Cards - 4-6pm Lobby**
- **December 15th (Wednesday) - School Board Meeting - 7:30pm Brandywine Springs**
- **December 22nd (Wednesday) - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service Day**
- **December 23rd - January 2nd - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break**
- **January 3rd (Monday) - School Resumes**
- **January 3rd (Monday) - Box Tops Blitz Contest Begins**

- **Next meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2001 at 7 pm.**

Jackie Schaus closed the meeting at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Graham
Linden Hill PTA Secretary