Linden Hill PTA Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2010

Attendees: Kristin Armstrong, Sheri Aukamp, Eileen Bernart, Mary Bradley, Debbie Brady, Meghan Brady, Karen Brakely, Maureen Carp, Cheryl Cox, Heidi Delloso, Kim Fetrow, Martha Fong, Nikki Graham, Claire Johnston, Melanie Kenney, Grace Logemann, Amy Malick, Renee Paoli, Vincenza Pilla, Jackie Schaus, Laura Beth Taylor, Kim Winward, Rama Venkat

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Jackie Schaus, 1st Vice President, brought the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Nikki Graham, Secretary, presented the December meeting minutes. Kim Fetrow motioned to approve and Melanie Kenney made the second motion. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Renee Paoli, Treasurer, presented the December treasurer's report. Nikki Graham motioned to approve and Kim Fetrow made the second motion. December reports were approved.
- Renee Paoli, Treasure, presented and reviewed the updated 2010/2011 Budget. Jackie Schaus motioned to vote to approve the updated budget. Nikki Graham made the second motion. Motion moved to vote to approve the budget. PTA voted to approve.

Committee Activity Updates Provided by the Vice Presidents

Committees Reporting to Jackie Schaus-1st Vice President

Membership

- There are still 9 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

- Nothing to report.

Fundraising

- The Silent Auction will be the next big event. March 12th at Hartefeld. Save the date!!
    - If you know of a business that would be willing to make a donation for the auction please contact Barbra Creswell or Lynn Correll. If you know of anyone or own a beach house and would be willing to donate a weekend, a Monday-Friday or a full weeks stay please let us know.
    - Basket raffle information will be coming home early February. Look for a few new fun themes this year.

Library

- Nothing to report.

Theater

- A co-chair is needed. There is a detailed manual to walk the chair through the steps of working the equipment and the only event left this year will be the Talent Show.

Product Incentives

- Acme Gift cards are running slow. A full-page order form was in the December/January issue of the LHH. Gift cards are available in $100 & $50 increments. Total profit so far this year will be $400 once the cards on hand are sold.
- Box tops contest started this week. 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

- Running smoothly.

Directory

- The Directory committee is happy to report that directories were distributed last month. There was however a page that was not printed by the printer. The page has been submitted to be printed and is expected within the week. The page will be sent home with a note to sleeve into the directory.

Legislative

- Nothing to report.

Playground

- Nothing to report.

Committees Reporting to Kim Fetrow - 2nd Vice President

School Beautification

- Nothing to report.

Staff Appreciation

- 3rd Grade Families will host the January Staff luncheon with the theme of Souper Bowl. Soup will be the main course.

Newsletter

- Deadline for February articles will be Wednesday, January 12th.

Book Fair

- 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

- Judging is almost complete. Turnout was low. In the primary grades all participants were winners.
- Literature pieces and upper grades are being judges.
- All winners and participants will be acknowledged in an upcoming newsletter.

School Programs

- Nothing to report.

Yearbook

- Presales were a great success. Over 300 orders to date.

Committees Reporting to Laura Beth Taylor – 3rd Vice President

Welcome Back

- Nothing to report.

School Store

- The next round of shopping will be on January 13th and 20th however the fliers have not been located to send out. Dates may change.

Spirit Wear

- Nothing to report.

Post Office

- Mail continues every Wednesday with the 3rd Grade Volunteers. Any interested parent volunteers can contact Melanie Kenney or DeAnne Foth. Times are Wednesday from 12:15-1:30.

School Pictures

- Nothing to report.

Carnival

- The date of the carnival will be February 5th (long weekend) with a CandyLand theme.
- Dress A Bear table will not be at the carnival unless a Chair Volunteer steps up.
- Decorations Chair is needed to assist Ms. Phillips.
- There is a possibility of a Photo Booth – details are being worked out.

- Classroom Craft chair is needed. Duties will be to create raffle tickets, schedule volunteers for sales (teachers & chairs to handle funds) and run the sales the day of the carnival. See Jackie Schaus for details.
- Fliers will come home with requests for volunteers in January.

Family Activities

- Mc Principal's Night update – a check will soon be received for $743.
- Blue Rocks Night – possible dates are Saturday, May 21st (6:05) or Saturday, June 4th (6:05). They are no longer offering fireworks on Saturday night games. In the past it was discussed and decided that Friday night games are too difficult to get to in time. 160 tickets will be reserved in accordance to past attendance. Dr. Bradley will firm up the date.

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 Dr. Bradley)

- Dr. Bradley thanked all for attending.
- The end of January will be the 2nd round of DCAS.
- Recess is currently being held in the front lot of the school and alternated every other day.
- Note that regular Alert Now messages will only be sent to the home phone number. This is through the district set up.
- Mr. Rycinski has accepted a Full Time position with the Brandywine School District (Race to the Top Teacher). Interviews for a replacement are being held.
- Thank you to Ms. Murphy & Ms. Phillips for their help with all the applicants for Cab Calloway.

Old Business

- Thank you to all those volunteers assisting with the classroom carnival crafts. A volunteer is still needed for Ramone and Shenoy's classes.
- Thank you to Ms. Cox, Jodi Sweeney and Cathleen Noonan for running the canned food drive. The goal was to collect 1,600 cans and LH collected 2,443 cans over the course of 10 days! Great job. Congratulations goes out to Ms. Peyser's class who alone collected 300 cans. Ms. Peyser used the opportunity to practice math skills and learned percentages at the same time. The students were very enthusiastic about giving back to the community. They were equally thrilled to be awarded the gym bag from Ms. Cox.

New Business

- Send in your Box Tops!
- Staff appreciation donations were discussed. Donations have been low this year. The committee will create a "help needed" email and article for the LHH. A mass email will be sent to PTA members. The budget will be revisited if needed at a future meeting if donations continue to be down.

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Vacancies for 2011/2012 are listed below. There are many opportunities arising. Please contact a current board member or chair if interested.**
    - **Website**
    - **Playground**
    - **School Pictures**
    - **Family Activities**
    - **Welcome Social**
    - **Theater**
    - **Kindergarten Orientation**

- **5th Grade Activities**
- **Product Incentives**

- **January 3rd – January 28th Box Tops Blitz Contest**
- **January 7th (Friday) – Pride Day**
- **January 13th (Thursday) – School Store**
- **January 17th (Monday) – NO SCHOOL – MLK Day**
- **January 19th (Wednesday) – Staff Appreciate Luncheon – 3rd Grade Family Hosts**
- **January 19th (Wednesday) – School Board email – 7:30pm Brandywine Springs**
- **January 10th (Thursday) – School Store**
- **February 5th (Saturday) – LH Carnival "CandyLand"**

- **Next meeting: Thursday, February 3rd, 2011 at 7 pm.**

Jackie Schaus closed the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Graham
Linden Hill PTA Secretary

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