

PTA Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2008

Attendance:

Beth Lucas, Nancy Bernhardt, Cheryl Rowell, Deb Genthner, Breeda Royer, Stephanie Comeau, Joanne Sullivan, Cathy Herrmann, Ida Keane, Susan Clough, Brenda Silva, Mellisa Copp, Vicki Nelson, Carol Foley

Review March Meeting Minutes

A set of the the minutes were passed around. Very lengthy because we taped the meeting. A very big thank you to Sharon Girardi for transcribing the minutes. After everyone has a chance to review these minutes, they will be voted on for approval at the next meeting in May.

Treasurer's Report

Motion made, seconded and approved to move Target Check from general funds to the Programs budget line.

Program Funds are in the red but it was suggested to wait until the Yankee Candle orders are processed and it will be replenished from that fundraiser. Members agreed.

Paraprofessional – Kathie Richard

Tabled to the next meeting. Will attend to speak about the role of the para's in the classroom.

March / April Follow-up

Junk to Funk – great success and big thanks to Mrs. Killen, Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Jackson for allowing us to schedule the entire school and utilize the Physical Education class time for this Artist in Residence event.

Yankee Candle – Sales of approximately \$10,500 which will lend to profits of about \$4200.00. Should arrive in approximately 4 weeks and Brenda will need volunteers for distribution when that time comes. An email will be sent out requesting volunteers when a date is nailed down on arrival of orders.

Discovery Science Museum

April 21-April 23 – Breeda passed out the schedule and volunteers are needed. Please park at the Safety Complex, because the Timberland Project will be underway also. Breeda is looking for 1-2 volunteer parents per class – watch for overcrowding in classrooms and there may need to be help with cleanup after activities.

May Activities

Teacher Appreciation – May 5th - May 9th

Planning is just beginning – looking at doing something special for teachers on MWF of that week including a luncheon.

Book Fair – May 5th – TBD

Brenda may have access to bins for the teachers orders so that the wish lists can go in the bins for the teachers.

Family Night will be on Thursday May 8th. Please sign up when the email is sent out looking for volunteers.

Earth Day

Sue Clough works at Timberland. Timberland provides a program for schools and is working with Lynn Linville and Ellis School this year. Go Green Committee / Timberland / Ellis School will have a day of Community Services completing 5 projects on April 22nd.

- 1.) Walking Trail

- 2.) Outdoor Classroom
- 3.) Butterfly Garden
- 4.) Herb Garden and Composting
- 5.) Greenhouse (maintained by the Town Garden Club)

Motion made, seconded and approved to donate \$250.00 to the project. Please have any contractors and suppliers who would like to donate anything to contact Lynn Linville.

Other Areas of Discussion

Annual Eighth Grade Parent Award

Motion made, seconded and passed to initiate a nomination form (Sue Clough will design) to designate a parent of an Eighth Grade student that has donated their time and volunteer work to benefit the school throughout the years at Ellis. Funds of up to \$100 will be put aside for this award.

PTA will ask Mrs. Killen when it would be best to present the award. Class Day? Graduation?

PTA Board Position Flyer

This will be distributed with a newsletter soon.

Student Directory

Members agreed that it would be best to offer the directory to everyone through an order form this year. The order form will be put into the newsletter and also put on the PTA Website Tab at www.sau83.org. The PTA Board apologizes for the delay with this project and would like to give a special thank you to Sharon Girardi for inputting the information. A letter will go back to all Advertisers letting them know that they can have their money back or use their ad money to have a free ad for the fall issue of the Student Directory for Fall 2008 instead.

Mini-Grant

We will discuss whether or not to fund the Mini Grant Program at the June 2008 meeting. If we do fund it, it should be done in June so Teachers will have a chance to plan for the Fall.

Partnership for Education

A Flyer was distributed to members and the PTA Board is planning to attend this Saturday seminar. All members are encouraged to attend and the School Board was given the Flyer at the last meeting.

Field Day

Next Field Day Meeting is soon. Please watch for the announcement via Email and plan to attend.

Fundraiser Idea – Vendor Show during Baseball Games on a weekend to be held at the Library Meeting Room to give Mom's a chance to socialize during the events at the Fields – Joanne Sullivan to look into this further.

Fall Fundraiser

Meadow Farms is tentatively scheduled for 9/17-10/1

Father Daughter Dance

May 17th Saturday 6:30

Sock Hop Theme

Motion made, seconded and approved to spend up to \$900 on the dance.

How To Talk So Kids Will Listen Series

Beth Lucas and Glen Kazan have been working with Families First to bring this series to Ellis school. PTA will provide the babysitting and it is sure to be a successful program. See attached flyer.

Next PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 7PM at the Fremont Public Library Meeting Room.