

Ralph R Smith PTA Meeting

February 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Molloy at 7:03 pm.

Meeting was established with the following 6 members present: Marge Gibson-O'Mara, Margaret Qatani, Christine Molloy, Gillian Rush, Becky Tarkos and Mary Ell Izzo.

- **Secretary's report** – The minutes were presented from the January 8, 2008 meeting. Gillian Rush moves to accept the minutes as read. Second by Christine Molloy. All in favor.
- **President's report** – Christine Molloy reports that an H&R Block representative wants to come to a meeting to make a presentation about setting up college funds and give tax tips. Will not do this year but will consider for next year.
- **Treasure's report** – Marge Gibson reports for Marybeth Giesler that there is \$13,900.53 in the playground fund and \$22,776.74 in the HVFCU account. We will have to table playground 6 month CD until next meeting, not enough members to vote.
- **Principal's report** – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports for Susan Spinelli Title I District money will pay for a large portion of the BLT storyteller. Mary Hubert will be checking on availability and price. Would like to know if PTA could put any money towards the storyteller. Christine needs to know how much it will cost and needs to look over the budget. Third grade teachers will be holding a math assessment night on Thursday February 21st @ 7:00. Ms Warner (replacement for Mr. Blake) will also be holding an open house for her students' parents/guardians at the same time. Math assessments for grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be March 4th, 5th and 6th with a similar schedule to the ELA testing. Thanks again to the playground committee, Heidi Coliazzo and Mrs. Qatani for a great experience for everyone. Thank you for the science assembly. Kindergarten registration will be the week of the 10th. There will be an evening registration on Tuesday, March 11 from 5:00-7:00
- **BLT** – Marge Gibson-O'Mara reports that the BLT is looking into a storyteller for the kick off for the summer reading program. We are looking to use the same guy that did the summer bridge program. Looking to have teachers make a list of books that they would recommend the children to read over the summer. Also thinking of having classrooms partnering up to read ie: 5th graders with kindergarteners etc. Also looking to have "E" Day as a drop and read day for a month. Third graders will have a math info night on February 21st. Thinking of asking 3rd grade teachers to be the "trial" grade for math night before opening it up to the whole school. Would like to have a calendar of the PTA events for next year so we don't have conflicting dates for events.
- **PTA Council** – Gillian Rush reports that Amy McCardle the director of athletics, phys ed, and health was the speaker. She went over the requirements for health class and athletics. PE is now graded in Haviland and FDR. The district wide social studies debate will not happen this year.
- **PTA Teacher Representative** – Margaret Qatani reports that the science fair will be Tuesday from 9:30-12:30 in the gym. Every student will be interviewed by an 8th grader. Viewing will be paired with Kindergarten and 4th graders and 1st graders with 5th graders. Heidi Coliazzo and Kim Brady volunteer to help with the kids during viewing. There were 200 kids that signed up. Viewing at night will be from 7:00-8:00, the information is wrong on the website. The library will be used for the judges. Children can drop off projects Monday from 5:30 – 7:30 and Tuesday morning.

Chair Reports

Arts in Education – Gillian Rush reports that Marvelous Marvin was taken care of, the check went to BOCES. Flat Stanley will be in May for the 3rd graders. There will be an Arts in Ed showcase that Mrs. Ader and Mrs. Forbes would be interested in going to. Looking into The Magic of reading for a PARP assembly.

Yearbook – Becky Tarkos reports that the yearbook is going great. She will overnight the CD to Memory Makers on the 27th. Memory Makers will be providing the order forms and envelopes. The cost is \$12 and they should be in the end of May.

Spring Fundraiser – Christine Molloy reports that the spring fundraiser will be until Friday.

Playground – Tom Gannon reports that Kelley Marshall will be doing a presentation Thursday night at the BOE meeting. Heidi Colaizzo and Margaret Qatani will help with the cans. There are different catalogs coming in from different companies.

Family Fun Night – Mary Ell Izzo reports that Matt Wood is set for the night. He will play “quiet” music during the ice cream time and then about 7:00 will start to play the music for the night. She has the ice cream all set just needs some volunteer scoopers. A note will be going home with information on a make up night in case there is bad weather.

PARP – Christine Molloy reports that PARP will run from March 25 until April 21st. The committee had a meeting today so more details will be coming soon.

Spring Pictures – Marge Gibson-O’Mara reports that spring pictures will be on April 9th and they will be held in the auditorium. There will be one pose taken of the student and on the proof sheet there will be 4 different styles to pick from.

Playground – Marge Gibson-O’Mara reports for Tom Gannon that sales from the scrips cards are at \$790.00 with possibly more to come. Waiting to hear from Meg Burkhardt to see what is happening with them. Possible set up a table at Family Fun night to sell the cards. We will be depositing money into a 6 month CD. We will be selling cookie dough as another fundraiser depending on how the PTA fundraising goes. Kelley Marshall is looking into an Applebees Breakfast fundraiser. More wonderful ideas from Heidi Colaizzo: 1.give each child an empty tennis ball can to fill up over the summer must sign a sign up sheet to participate. Hand out cans to kids and parents at kindergarten registration. 2. set up a table at the Hyde Park Beverage center and or Stop and Shop. Tom will be calling Ron Suits about who can do ground prep for this project, maybe parents can do it. Tom will also be calling different companies about proposals. We will be attending the BOE meeting on March 27 to give them an update on our progress and see if they can help us out at all. We will be looking for parents to attend this with us as there is strength in numbers.

Old Business

Ultimate Discount Cards – Christine Molloy is waiting to hear from Carlene Kara to see what the total was.

New Business

Book Fair – Christine Molloy reports that the book fair will be the week of March 31st. It was suggested from Marge Gibson-O’Mara and Margaret Qatani that the book fair should be in the cafeteria so that no class time is interrupted. There was no problem having the holiday shoppe there so it seems it would be a good idea to have the book fair there.

5th Grade Activities – Christine Molloy reports that there will be a pool party, moving up day, field trip to a museum, looking for dates for all events.