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General Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2014 6:30PM
JB Watkins Elementary School Cafeteria

Meeting Minutes

The General Board of J. B. Watkins PTA was called to order at 6:32 pm on October 14, 2014. The following people were present: Maggi Lewis, Shelley Neofotistos, Kim McComb, Brittany Krebs, Robyn Bartholomew, Mary Patterson, Tracey Malkie, Karen Snidow, Karyn Andersen, Shara Hamilton, Charmain Tremper, Kate Ashley, and Christan Martin.

Call to Order

Maggi Lewis, president, called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Kim McComb, secretary, asked if there were any changes to the meeting minutes from September 16, 2014. There were no changes and the minutes were approved as written.

Report of the Treasurer

Shelley Neofotistos, treasurer, discussed the different format of the budgets that are located at the check in table. On this format at the bottom the Box Top fund is included. Shelley also explained that there was a third PTA account that has been consolidated. We have exceeded our Fall Campaign goal of \$7500, the total we have received is \$8049 with \$400 in corporate matches still outstanding.

Communications

Kim McComb, secretary, mentioned that the PTA has received many thank you notes from the teachers thanking the PTA for the wonderful teacher checks, t-shirts and wonderful birthday cupcakes.

President's Report

Maggi Lewis, president, mentioned that the parent concern over Dreambox and recess seems to have settled down. Candelas night on Monday, October 13 went very well. We are still waiting on the totals. The first Chick fil a night was a HUGE success. The manager said that our Chick fil a night was the largest amount a school has made at the Westchester location.

Reports of Standing Committees

Box Tops: Kris Perko/Robyn Bartholomew

Robyn announced that the next collection date for Box Tops will be on October 24. They are still in need of helpers to help cut the Box Tops out after they are collected.

Denim Drive: Tracey Malkie

Tracey and her sons presented a check in the amount of \$750 for 2nd place in the Denim Drive to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Snidow. Tracey also mentioned that the first place team has a good strategy of collecting denim year round and asking for donations from yard sales. Tracey would like to start doing that for next year.

Lunch Buddies: Kim McComb for Virginia Kasten

Lunch buddies that have expressed an interest in being a lunch buddy have been added to the lunch buddy email list and sign up genius. Sign ups and emails will be sent out monthly.

Health and Safety: Kim McComb for Ginger Grizzard

The Turkey Trot 5k is scheduled for November 22. Registration will go home soon.

Pumpkin Lighting: Annette Bashensky

The Pumpkin Lighting will be on Friday Oct. 24. Emails should be coming out from room moms with the volunteer sign ups. Kim McComb will also forward the volunteer sign up to the PTA distribution list. Middle schoolers and High schoolers looking for volunteer hours are welcome to sign up. Annette also mentioned that she is having a problem getting clearance for the hay ride with risk management, but she is still working on this. There will be Polar Roller (frozen yogurt) food truck and Shanes bbq for dinner. Ms. Snidow also mentioned that the library is in need of volunteers to help move the Book Fair to the gym. Kim McComb will also forward the sign up genius from the library for book fair volunteers to PTA distribution list.

New Business

Kim McComb asked if the administration would allow Midlothian Athletic Association to display team trophies in the school display cases. They agreed to this, and said there should be plenty of room for them.

Administrator's Report

Karyn Anderson said that Back to School Night went very well. She then mentioned that the Dreambox issues seem to be settled kids have been logging on at school and are excited about it.

She then shared that a Watkins family was displaced because of a house fire. All are safe. School is providing support that kids need at this time. She asked PTA to be in contact with counselors for needs for this family.

Ms. Anderson announced that conferences will be on November 3rd and 4th. The Staff Appreciation committee will have snacks for teachers/staff on Monday November 3rd.

Karen Snidow then mentioned that there is an issue finding room for the amount of parents coming to eat lunch with their children, especially on Fridays. Due to the Peanut Aware table having to be on the stage it does not provide as much space for parent tables. The administration is still trying to figure out an alternate solution, but asks parents to be understanding and patient until another space is found for more seating. She also mentioned that there is seating outside in the courtyard on the way to the Kindergarten Round. A letter will be going home to parents about this.

Announcements

Maggi Lewis also mentioned that the PTA will not permit other PTA programs to take place before or after school during the 6 week WEP sessions in the Fall and Spring. By following this policy the enrollment for WEP has doubled.

The next PTA meeting will be on November 11, at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Approved as written _____ date _____