

Findley PTO Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2011

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1. Call to Order

- Ellen Bradley: Co-President
- Angie Kelly: Co-President

Also in attendance:

- Corinne Frechette: Vice President
- Teri Doherty: Secretary

2. Minutes Approval

- June 2011 Minutes: Approval pending receipt of minutes
- October 2011 Minutes: Approved

3. Board Member Reports

- 5th Grade Celebration Party Planning
 - Meeting Friday, 9am, Tazza Café for Train-the-Trainer
 - Guidelines for 5th Gr. Teachers w/ budget & costs developed & reviewed w/ Mrs. Skidmore
 - Jobs defined: slide show, food, banner, decorations, teacher gift, school gift
 - Outdoor School should be the big part of the celebration
 - Meetings for 5th Gr. Parents also planned to give parents an overview and provide clear expectations
 - Review what has worked well in the past
 - Use Google Apps for sign-ups
 - Approx. budget of \$3500
 - Fundraisers:
 - Movie nights, Sock Hop (run by PTO in the past), Valentines
 - Excess funds from last year passed forward to this year for scholarships

Please use consistent phrasing for 5th gr. fund raisers so it is clear it is not school fundraising (.i.e. Jog-A-Thon)
- Certificates of Appreciation given to the following people:
 - Melissa Brinser – Dragon Dash
 - Tracy Christian – Dragon Dash
 - Larissa Jaekel – Dragon Dash
 - Jim Chu – Carnival
 - Stephanie Gilbert – Vision Screening
 - Barbara Kwapich – Picture Day

- New Member at Large - Voted in New Member at Large, Jason Caffery

4. Findley Staff Reports

- Teacher Representative – Michelle Lockhart:
 - November Food Drive was a huge success
 - Food Drive Dollar Day is tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 18
 - Sunday, Nov. 20, is community involvement service project - school clean-up
 - Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts participate, but all are welcome
 - Participants to bring tools, wheel barrows, gas leaf blowers, gloves
 - Drop box coming for yard debris
 - Gravel for garden by back gate
 - Bark chips for around portables to keep from getting so muddy
 - Snowball tree covering patio stones to be trimmed
- Budget – Kathleen Skidmore:
 - Levy did not pass, so ~ \$24M to \$27M deficit for 2012-13 school year
 - \$113M in budget has been lost over past 4 years, so now cuts will need to include elimination of jobs/people
 - People positions cut evenly – Classified, Certified & Administrative
 - During Jan. – March of 2012, there will be opportunities for parent input at listening sessions
 - Furlough days save ~\$1M per day
 - 162 days of school for kids (172 days - 10 days for conferences, work days, etc.)
 - State of OR is giving waivers for # of days in seats
 - Findley has 829 students this year
 - Custodians cut from 210 days to 185 days this year (mostly night custodian time)
 - We have 1 day custodian, Zach Kodroli, & 1 night custodian, Ken Hui. Night custodian on site every other day (time shared w/ Bonny Slope)
 - People cannot make donations to pay for personnel per district contract
 - If there is a Spring Bond, would need a double majority
 - 50% would need to vote, and then would need 50% of votes

5. Committee Reports

- CIC (Community Involvement Committee) replaced LSC
 - 3 members staying on board this year from LSC last year
 - Manage building use requests
 - Many requests received this year & they are all full except for a few open spots in the Spring
- Box Tops – Angie Kelley to count box tops

6. New Business

- Tools for Day Custodian, Zach Kodroli:
 - \$300 VISA gift card request approved to use for purchase of tools
 - Jason Caffery will meet w/ Zach to see if any items on list can come from donations
 - Ellen Bradley has etcher to put “Findley PTO” on tools
- School Supplies
 - EPI is supplier for prepackaged school supplies
 - \$1500 one year; \$1400 one year
 - 3% price match
 - Questions: (1) Is the quality acceptable? (2) Do teachers want to upgrade to name brand items?