

Findley PTO Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2012

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1. Call to Order

- Ellen Bradley, Co-President
- Angie Kelly, Co-President

Also in attendance:

- Corinne Frechette, Vice President
- Laura Rich, Treasurer
- Teri Doherty, Secretary
- Jason Caffery, Member at Large

2. Minutes Approval

- February 2012
- April 2012
- FYI – No March 2012 Minutes as meeting was cancelled

3. Board Member Reports

- Laura Rich, Treasurer, discussed Budget:
 - Items suggested for 2012-13 PTO budget:
 - Add - Biz Town (5th graders only): \$2800
 - Add - Non-fiction writing kits: \$186 per kit x 28 kits = \$5208
 - Add – Speakers Fees at \$2500 (Girl Scouts babysit)
 - Add – Special Olympics donation at \$150 (Findley has kids participating in it)
 - Keep Same - Field trips at \$5000
 - Keep Same – Magazines (Scholastic News) at \$3500
 - Move First Grade Garden to Landscaping
 - Maybe add: Back to School Social at \$500
 - Mr. Onishi has \$1176 to spend in his budget for 2011-12 for PE & recess, which he will use
 - Teachers have a form to fill out to request funds
 - FYI - For 2011-12 Dragon Dash, \$62 per child was requested
 - FYI - Projected students for 2012-13 is 838
- Funds requested and approved to purchase Soar to Success reading intervention curriculum at \$5300. Carrie Kondor to place the order.

- PTO for next year, 2012-13
 - Need to decide meeting day & if they are night only or alternate by month for day and night meetings
 - Dates of Carnival & Soc Hop
 - Date for Science Fair is Thursday, March 14, 2013

4. Findley Staff Reports

- None

5. Committee Reports

- Soc Hop: April 27. Jane and team have it coming together well. Could use help with set up and take down.

6. New Business

- Special Guest Speaker: Melissa Brinser (parent at Findley) gave an informational presentation regarding Dyslexia for parents to become more aware of the warning signs and how they can learn more about it if they have a concern. She also gave a heads up regarding warning signs of ADD/ADHD so dyslexia is not mistaken for ADD/ADHD. Some sources of information listed below:
 - www.dyslexia.yale.edu
 - www.brightsolutions.us
 - www.nih.gov
 - “Overcoming Dyslexia” by Sally Shaywitz, MD
 - “Essentials of Dyslexia Assessment & Intervention” by Nancy Mather & Barb Wendling