

Findley PTO Meeting Minutes

February 16, 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

- January 2012 Meeting Minutes approved

3. Board Member Reports

- Laura Rich, Treasurer:
 - Requested approval for \$100 from Mrs. Tierney, Art Teacher, to buy clay. Status: Approved
 - Requested approval for \$70 for Zack, Custodian, to build a railing. Status: Approved

4. Findley Staff Reports

- Terri Young, Technology Teacher: Received computers purchased with 2011 Dragon Dash funds to upgrade computer lab, including 22 IMACs & 6 laptops.
- Existing computers in lab will trickle down throughout the school

5. Committee Reports

- 5th Grade Fundraising: Movie Night for 5th graders only on Feb. 24 & McTeacher Night at McDonald's on Feb. 28, 5-8pm. McDonald's will donate 20% of purchases and 50% of cookie sales to Findley during that time.
- Science Fair: Need to recognize Melissa Brinser for fantastic work on organizing Science Fair to be held March 8.
- Art Lit Cultural Night: Mexican Fiesta to be held March 20. Will include a food cart.

6. New Business

- Looking for PTO board members for 2012-13 school year
- Special Guest Speaker: Glenda Montgomery gave a presentation on Positive Parenting.
 - Meeting was held in the café and was very well attended.
 - Overview of Positive Parenting presentation: Positive Discipline is a proactive approach to parenting that is neither permissive nor punitive. It is based on strategies of kindness and firmness that effectively develop responsibility, self-reliance, cooperation and problem solving skills. Children have two important needs: to feel a sense of significance (that they matter) and a sense of connection. When children have opportunities to meet these needs, they are much more likely to have a sense of well-being and are much less likely to misbehave. Discipline and life skills must be consciously taught; P.D. provides parents with ideas and strategies to do this crucial work in a way that gives them a sense of competence and confidence.