

Fremont PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 4, 2010

In Attendance – Shawn Perreault, Jennifer Brown, Jennifer Rydeen, Laura laChapelle, Tammy Bond, Antje McKee-Courcy, Bridget Paine, Elizabeth Torre, Kimberly Dyer, Julie Rowland, and Camilla Fraize.

October's minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Mini Grants – there were 3 to consider:

1. Mrs. Coyle and Mrs. South, 1st grade teachers are each requesting \$231.30 for a total of 462.60 for visual/hands on learning materials for emergent readers. These materials will be used by the entire 1st grade and consists of multiple components including books, games, and blending boards. The membership approved both teacher's mini grant requests, pending approval from administration.
2. Mrs. Dobson is requesting \$249.68 for materials for reading instruction. The RAZ (Reading A to Z) program is an internet program that allows students school and home access to practice reading, hear fluency, and assess their comprehension and reading level. There are 4 1st grade classes and only 2 licenses, and passwords are not supposed to be shared. She is requesting two more licenses be purchased at \$65.00 each, as well as materials for literacy stations. The membership approved the mini grant pending principal approval.
3. Jamie Carrier, 1st grade teacher is requesting \$230.00 to purchase a laminating machine (and laminating pouches) for the 1st grade classrooms to keep games and manipulatives in good shape as well as some supplemental math materials. The concern was that we already have a laminator for the entire school. We were looking for a volunteer to help teachers out with laminating but never got anyone lined up. We will send out another request. The membership decided to deny her request as a whole and see if she wanted to resubmit the math portion with something else. If we approved a portion of this mini grant she wouldn't be able to re-apply for the remainder of the \$250.00 this round.

Membership – We have roughly 107 members including teachers at this time.

The Regional convention is next weekend (November 12th)

Fall Fundraiser – We are down from last year's totals, even though we had more participating this year than last. In 2009, we had 220 participants, and this year we had 227. Total sales from last year were \$12,666.50 and this year's total sales were \$12,500.00. Profits from last year were \$5959.61 and this year was \$5756.37 which is a difference of \$166.50. This year was one of the biggest years for

participation in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades bringing in a total profit of \$2148.04 (6th - \$665.56, 7th - \$371.74, 8th - \$1110.74).

Fall Book Fair – Tammy reports that the book fair is all set up and ready to begin at 7am the next morning. There are 9 book cases, we were unable to get the 12 we had in the spring because you need to have at least \$10,000 in sales which we didn't meet. There will be a teacher sneak peek Friday morning 11/5 from 7-8am with coffee and goodies to encourage teachers to fill their wish baskets. There will be a raffle and each teacher will earn 1 ticket for coming. We earn bonus bucks from Scholastic for hosting a teacher event. Family night will be Wednesday the 10th from 3:30 – 8:00. There will be a raffle with prizes including restaurant gift certificates from Fremont Pizzeria, and 11 Water Street and raffle baskets with various items. The theme of the book fair is Reading Saves the Day, celebrating every day heroes so from 6-7 on Family night there will be a couple local heroes available including Larry Mac from the Air Force Reserves, John Linville a volunteer firefighter, and hopefully someone from the Police Department. There will be vouchers available for students who would otherwise be unable to afford a book. The PTA purchases out of Scholastic Bucks 1 book from each of the teachers wish lists.

Mother/Son night – There will be information at the next meeting.

Artist in Residence – Shawn has reached out to the 5/6th and 7/8th grade science teachers but hasn't heard back, hopefully there will be more news for the next meeting.

Other Business

- Field Day – Cathy will run one more year since Nancy was the one shadowing her and she is moving. Danielle LeClair will be moving from elementary games to middle school games this year. Meetings will start in January.
- Meadow Farms gave us 75 Ellis t-shirts. Cathy Herrmann is wondering if the PT will agree to allow the 7th graders to sell them at their Applebees pancake breakfast to earn money for their 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. There was concern that we haven't always done this for past grades, or other classes so it would not be equal treatment from the PTA. The consensus was to use them for raffles, teacher appreciation, Cake Walk and other events. It was decided to sell up to 60 of them at the Book Fair Family Night for \$5.00 each and to save 15 for other events.
- There will be another Exeter Shopping night this year on November 17th. 11 Water Street is open from 11am to 1am and customers will get 10% off orders, and the PTA will receive 10% as well. Last year we only made \$50.00, so we're trying to get the word out a little early. You need to have a coupon to get the right school credited, we will distribute them at Family Night.
- The next meeting will be Thursday December 2nd at 7pm at the Fremont Public Library Community Room.