

Flower Valley Elementary School PTA

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: October 4, 2011 at 6:00PM

Location: FVES Board Room

Board Members Present:

Sandy Young, President

Beth Davis, First Vice President

Elicia Marsh-Watts – Rockville Cluster NAACP Parent Council Rep

Wilma Holmes, Principal FVES

Ann Hauprich, Teaching Staff Representative

Diane Roddy, Vice President of Programs

Anna-Lisa Walters, Secretary

Mary Farrar, Treasurer

Christina Shioutakon, Vice President of Ways and Means

Approval of Agenda

Sandy presented agenda for approval. Anna-Lisa moved to approve agenda and Mary seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

Minutes Approval

Mrs. Holmes moved to approve the minutes from the September Board meeting and Diane seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

PTA Operations Report

Membership Update

Diane reported the Directory was complete and was at the printers. About 200 families and the entire core FVES staff joined the PTA. Diane expects to have the directory out to members by middle of next week. Directory will go in backpack of youngest child in a family. The total cost of the Directory was \$583. Membership continues to grow.

Website Update

Anna-Lisa reported that the Web committee was ready to release the new website on October 14 (in the evening). Also, Google Calendar will be used on the Home page and on the Calendar page.

Delegate's Assembly Review

Sandy went to the MCCPTA meeting and reported the following:

- The MCCPTA provides recommendations to MCPS for their operating budget, i.e. how the county can spend their own money effectively to support our children. Recommendations are online. The group meets every 4th Tuesday. David Lacki is our representative if we have any questions or comments.
- MCPS is looking to co-locate county services into school buildings. Specifically, they are considering housing adult services in Elementary schools during school hours. MCCPTA will recommend against this plan.
- Montgomery County proposing to enact a teenage curfew (11pm-5am).

There is an open delegate position – Sandy will ask for a volunteer during the general PTA meeting.

FVES PTA has three votes - 2 delegates and the president.

Mrs. Holmes mentioned that budget is most important topic at the MCPTA Meetings.

Cluster Representative Update

The following was reported:

- Rockville Cluster Representative: Joan is in contact with the new person over the Rockville PTA cluster. The hope is to plan events with them in the future.
- NAACP Parent Council Representative: Elicia Marsh-Watts in a new NAACP representative and will work with Gerri Flowers. They will update the board during the next meeting.
- Special Needs Chairperson: Gail is trying to get in touch with MCCPTA special needs representative.
- GT Liaison: Sarah is in touch with gifted program MCCPTA representative about curriculum 2.0 information. Monique Felder is director of the GT Program.

School Affairs Report

Cultural Arts Update

Janet Lyhus is in touch with Cynthia. More details to come.

After-school Art Program Vote

The After-school Art Program was up for approval. Beth moved to approve and Mary seconded the motion. The board voted and the motion was approved. The program is already moving forward. A flyer went home in backpacks last week.

Ways and Means Report

Read-a-thon

Christina reported that so far, children have read over 80,000 minutes. Kids have embraced the program. Family Reading Night is Thursday. Most teachers' report they are coming to Reading Night, Money is due next week.

Prizes include California Tortilla giving gift cards and two Nooks. Christina thanked Diane, Beth, and Mrs. Holmes for prizes and said the Read-a-thon has been a collaborative effort.

Sandy reported that she read in PTA Magazine that Promethean board company has a matching program up to \$3800 on Read-a-thon money (fundraising).

Beth reported that B&N has a discount program for Nooks.

Fall Book Fair

Tracy needs help with Book Fair. It was suggested we ask for volunteers from the Flower Valley community and from Leisure World. At all times, two people are needed to work the desk and monitor students.

Beth suggested using Signup Genius to organize volunteer and put a link on the new PTA website.

Cookbook

Heather is going to extend the cookbook deadline. She needs more recipes and pictures of kids cooking.

Programs Report

There will not be a second grade concert this year. Anna-Lisa will remove the event from website.

Bingo Night

Free cards have been handed out as Read-a-thon prizes. Prizes are being acquired and Jose from KAH and Mr. Billadeau will call numbers.

Diane will get flyers out to parents.

The new Superintendent has been invited to come and call some numbers during the January Bingo Night. His response is pending.

Movie Night

Diane asked Beth to talk to Kirsten about Movie night. The idea is to give kids a movie choice but gear the choices towards K-2. The movie will be closed captioned. Diane will send an e-mail with choices to the board.

Winter Dance Party

Still need a chair person. Sandy will mention need at the general PTA meeting.

Budget

Mary reported that the budget will need to be presented to the general PTA for approval.

Mary received the Membership dues money. More will be reported on next month.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Holmes reported she will answer parent questions tonight. She also clarified that FVES among 77 other schools that did not make AYP (only in math). FVES is working to improve. Children are being identified who might have difficulty in the future and staff will work with those children to improve. Interventions will be implemented so every child can be successful.

Adjourn

Anne motioned to adjourn the meeting and Diane seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.