

Maple Grove Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2008

In Attendance – Debbie Vermeer, Heather Timothy, Cara Nichols, Laura Miskiv, Sandi Gottesman, Krista Deacon, Janet Tomita, Tessa O’Shea, Mark Jones, Tracey Greenlee, Cindy Cook, Kim Chapman, Mary Ann Markovetz

Handouts – Agenda for tonight’s meeting, MGS Budget to date for 9/18/08, List of Upcoming Events

Meeting called to order @ 7:04 p.m. by Mary Ann Markovetz

Mr. Jones

- School enrollment is up 25 kids since the boundary lines changed
- School is currently almost full in every grade
- We have completed the CBM(curriculum based measurement), which tests how fast students can read
- IRI testing is also complete
- ISAT testing will only happen in the spring this year
- Since the addition of the curbing along Maple Grove, we are seeing more kids walking to school and riding their bikes. Have had to added two more bike racks to the property!

Tessa O’Shea

- \$10,192.00 current balance.

Mary Ann

- Ice Cream Social – October 24th
 - Volunteers needed. Please see handout for Upcoming Events
 - Kids will be allowed to come in costume
 - We will again air the BSU football game
 - New this year will be “Tape the Principal to the Wall”
 - Free Sundae with PTA membership

Laura Miskiv

- October 13th will launch Sally Foster fundraiser. Orders will be due back on the 24th
- In conjunction we will be selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough
- This year we will try having a staging area in the gym to put cookie dough orders together and then deliver them to the children in the classrooms to eliminate errors.
- Extra’s could be sold at the bake sale?

Mary Ann

- Entertainment Book sales down from last year. We will extend the deadline to help bring in more orders
- Debbie Moodie has done an Awesome job organizing this fundraiser this year (comment from Sandi Gottesman)
- Concern that there was not enough time from when the books were brought home until they were due back.

Heather Timothy

- Currently working on a PTA Website
 - 3 SECTIONS
 - 1) Agenda/Meeting minutes
 - 2) Fundraisers
 - 3) General Information, including email addresses for board members

Mary Ann

- Change PTA meeting to the 2nd Wednesday of the month
- Change necessitated by Mark Jones working on a project on Thursdays with the school district
- Also changing meeting time from 7 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Next meeting will be on October 8th
- Set up Blog on Website – tentative

Kim Chapman

- T-shirt orders went in today 9/18
- Next order will be late November or early December to have them in by Christmas break
- This year we are adding long sleeve t's and sweatshirts with hoods.
- Sweatshirts will be great for spring track meets
- This is not currently a moneymaker for the PTA, do we want to increase the cost?
- Overall consensus was NO. Let's keep them affordable for everyone.

Mark Jones

- Would like to see some type of event to promote the Smart Boards sometime after January
- Tie in some type of parent involvement activity
- Perhaps something in conjunction with the Book Fair
- Read Night (Suggested by Kim Chapman)
- Chess Night (Suggested by Mrs. Gottesman)
- Sock Hop – Mark is opposed. Feels that it promotes couples and there are problems with parents dropping off kids and leaving them unchaperoned.

- Auction with classroom baskets- Kim Chapman has volunteered to run this fundraiser, Cindy Cook has offered to help
 - Requests for donations need to be made 2-3 months in advance
 - Build –a-Bear will donate (Cindy Cook)
 - How would they be secured? Keep locked in the library?
 - How to display them?
 - Send flier home in the Friday folder that lists what is in each basket. Or take pictures and have them posted on the website along with list of what is included

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting October 8th