

**Maple Grove Elementary
PTA Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009**

In Attendance – Debbie Vermeer, Tessa O’Shea, Connie Higgs, Heather Timothy, Laura Miskiv, Debbie Ripplinger, MaryAnn Markovetz, Cara Nichols, Kim Chapman, Mark Jones

Handouts – Agenda, Budget Report

Meeting called to order @ 6:38 by MaryAnn Markovetz

Reflections Update

- Reward Ceremony will be January 27th from 7-7:30 in the library
- 18 participants this year

Mark Jones

- Thank you for the 3 new Smart Boards. The school only needs 4 more to have one in every classroom.
- Wants to clarify that the School Board has been given *permission* to *explore* the possibility of making Borah a 4 year high school. They will come and speak about this at our next meeting.
- Learning Fair will be March 3rd in conjunction with the Book Fair. This is a family activity, kids are welcome and families are supposed to stay together.
- Looking for suggestions to help with parking issues:
 - Families with last names ending A-L come first hour, and remaining families come second hour? Idea vetoed because of silent auction baskets.
 - Connie Higgs suggest running a shuttle back and forth to the School District Offices on Victory. Mark will look into the possibility.

Kim Chapman – Classroom Basket Coordinator

- Considering 1 basket per grade level rather than for each class. Connie Higgs feels it is better to have smaller baskets that are more affordable and will give a greater variety. She votes to have each classroom have a basket. Both options will be presented to the faculty tomorrow and voted upon.
- Basket items will be collected around February 25th, assembled and wrapped.

Heather Timothy

- PTA Website is up and running. Flier is going out to encourage parents to join Cyber PTA.
- Legislative Day – in February this all day event is open to any member in good standing including junior high and high school students that are involved in PTA. The cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. It is a chance to sit down with legislators and hear what issues are on the table for the coming year concerning schools in Idaho. It is very educational and PTA encourages everyone to take advantage of this event. It is noted that schools with PTOs do not have this opportunity.

Teacher Appreciation Week

- May 4-8
- Cara Nichols offers to coordinate gifts and events

Meeting adjourned at 7:05.