

Maple Grove Elementary

PTA Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2008

In Attendance – Cara Nichols, Debbie Vermeer, Laura Miskiv, Heather Timothy, Tessa O’Shea, MaryAnn Markovetz, Sandi Gottesman, Mark Jones

Handouts – Agenda, Budget Report

Meeting called to order @ 6:35 by MaryAnn Markovetz

Mark Jones

Is considering sending home a letter to ask parents to minimize early student pick-ups and help reduce the number of tardies. These issues have been stated in the newsletter, but the problem persists. Question raised, should the letter be sent to just specific families? Response from members is that it is still an important reminder for the whole school.

Sandi Gottesman

Speaking on Reading Fluency – Teachers are finding it helpful to graph students progress throughout the year, so that students can see their progress. They are now focusing on encouraging students to read smoothly and slowly for comprehension. It is not speed reading! They are looking for intonation, correct pauses and accuracy. Students get a lot of practice in class, but can always use more practice at home. Sometimes it is helpful to snap for comas and clap at the end of

sentences to teach correct pauses. The goal is to get them to read at a similar pace to what they speak.

When they are tested they are given 3 stories to read. To score them, they throw out the best and worst score and take the middle score.

Tessa O'Shea

Actual income from the Ice Cream Social is \$2,500. After expenses the profit will be about \$800.00.

A motion is made to approve the budget and it is seconded.

Laura Miskiv

Sally Foster was delayed a day due to bad weather in Nashville. The shipment is now expected to arrive November 14th. The late orders are being sent in soon.

Cookie dough is being delivered Thursday, November 20th. Any extra cookie dough will be advertised in the newsletter.

Overall, the sales are down a little from last year.

The 5 top sellers will be going out to lunch with the principal to Fudruckers.

Mr. Luthy's class had the highest participation

Mrs. Ellefson's class had the highest dollar amount

MaryAnn Markovetz

Reflections – Tessa O’Shea will chair and Sandi Gottesman will be the point person at the school.

Holiday Wish List – Will be set out again for teacher gift ideas.

Dominos Pizza night has been successful on Fridays. We will try to move it up one week next month, so as not to conflict with Christmas Break.

There will be no meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.