Plympton Elementary PTO

April 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Anina Thompson at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance

4 parents

4 PTO board members

Principal: not available

Teacher representative: not available

Approval of Minutes

* The minutes from the March meeting were announced and approved.

Treasurer’s Report  
by Laurie Moynihan

* The IRS lien we had against us has been solved in our favor. It was a clerical issue.
* Money Received:
  + $80.42 – Papa Gino’s
* Money spent:
  + Paid Square One Art
  + Visiting Artists – High Tech/High Touch and Dinosaur Lady
  + RIF

**Executive Board Report**by Anina Estrada

* The board did not meet this month; however we hosted the Family Wellness Night, which went over well. People seemed to like it.
* Games – might have

**Principal’s report**

By Mrs. Hurwitz

* There was no principal’s report this month.

**Teacher’s Report**  
by Anina Thompson

* The teachers are happy with the Visiting Artists and buses for field trips.

**Multicultural Report**by the PTO board

* International night was held a few nights ago. Attendance was great and everyone who attended had a great time. The food was amazing!
* African drum dancers are coming tomorrow. This special visit is being paid for by the Multicultural committee and is for the entire school (K-5).

Standing Committee Reports

1. Restaurant Night Out
   * March: March’s restaurant was Papa Gino’s on March 14. We raised $80.42.
   * April: The April restaurant night out is at Uno’s on April 27-28 and the proceeds go to the 5th grade committee.
   * May: The May restaurant night out is at Margarita’s on May 14. A coupon will be coming home with kids.
   * June: Panera’s booked for the entire day
2. Clip and Save:

* Box Tops: Will be sending in another shipment of BoxTops before the end of June.
* Campbell’s Labels for Education: We plan to cash in some of our points to buy kick balls recess for Mrs. Taddeo.
* Coke Rewards: Great job sending in your coke caps. Keep up the good work!

1. Visiting Artists   
   * Phenomena was today. 4th graders really enjoyed it.
   * May 21 – NEAQ for k and planetarium/sky lab for 3rd grade
   * Ms. Antonellis got a grant for Newton, so some monies are being diverted to a revolutionary war thing for the 5th grade
   * Barry Burbank was supposed to come, but we haven’t heard back from him. Not sure if he is going to come or not
   * Spirit Day – visiting artist – because of so many grants this year, we have a surplus of $575 and will be used to fund a visiting artist for Spirit Day. Looking into getting a good VA for that day.
2. Fundraisers:
   * Gift Cards: We will be running the gift card fundraiser again. The gift cards can be used as presents for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Teacher Appreciation Day, graduation, etc. Watch for something to come home with students.
3. BOKS – going great. Hoping to expand into two sessions for the Fall. Another trainer program is taking place on April 23.
4. Teacher Appreciation Week: This year’s chairs are MaryBeth Walsh and Kristie Hanley. The week will be Hollywood theme – red carpets and stars. They are recruiting room parents to help out with a more personal touch. The committee/volunteers will be meet after vacation. Possible ideas they are throwing around are lunch, dessert day, snack day, cart to classrooms?, decorate their doors with a Hollwood theme. Stay tuned for a sign-up genius.

**New business**

* **Ice Cream Social/Movie Night – May 31**

Next Meeting

* Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., school cafeteria

Adjournment

* The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.