

Green Brook PTO Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

The reading of the minutes was waived.

Treasurer Tiffany Graf presented her report. Our fundraisers have been very successful thus far. Future fundraisers include Yankee Candle. No questions were asked. Report was accepted.

Mrs. Seracka, nurse at GBMS, started the meeting with the clarification of the Nutrition Policy for class parties. Federal and State laws were cited as reasons for our policies. Parents had been contacted recently as to party guidelines. Parents with further questions can reach out the Board of Education regarding the policy.

Points made:

No Rice Crispy Treats

Suggestions- chips/dips, sun chips (whole grain)

Chocolate is not banned, but remember, we are discouraging candy

Pomptonian and GBMS recently received a grant and a salad bar is now available at the middle school

President's Report

OFFICERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR:

President- Lisa Couch has served two terms and will be stepping down.

Recording Secretary- Sharon Buckle is not seeking a second term.

Treasurer- We do not currently have a treasurer. Tiffany Graf is our assistant treasurer.

Spring Egg Hut- dates were reviewed and it was decided to not hold an egg hut this year.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Pollard shared with the attendees an article detailing the success of the GB schools recently run in the Courier News.

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Doane (IEF) thanked the PTO for the purchase of books for the RIF parties. She announced that the annual Spelling Bee will be held 2/17. PTO purchased dictionaries as prizes.

Miss Ciccarella thanked the PTO on behalf of the Kindergarten teachers for grade level monies

Mr. Fornale (GBMS) thanked the PTO for all its continued support

Committee Reports

- Cultural Arts Committee Person, Lisa Couch outlined upcoming programs such as “Art of Inspiration” at GBMS and “Jump With Jill” at IEF. Also, the Chinese Acrobats will be performing at GBMS and the Grand Falloons will appear at IEF.
- Fall Mini Grants have been decided upon. Out of 9 applications, 6 were approved in the amount of \$1816.85. There will be a Spring Grant Committee also.
 - Projects Awarded: Mobile Sand and Water Tables- kindergarten; Rocking Chairs- Special Needs Dept; Magnetic Wands- Grade 4 science; Document Cameras- grade 6-8; Clay/Art Project- grades 6-8
- Jeannie Renzo, member, proposed purchase of sound equipment/microphones for GBMS auditorium.
 - “ Three Wireless microphones for GBMS auditorium not to exceed \$500.00”. Motion was seconded and Approved.
- Read Across America- Christy Ramunno is looking for volunteers.
- March 15-17 is GBMS Book Fair. Tiffany Graf is looking for volunteers. (tiffanygraf@optonline.net)
- Tiffany Graf is planning activities such as Coin Wars to raise funds for GBMS library which Scholastic will match and donate to a charity.
- Box Tops for Education- Next submission is 2/28. Check your child’s backpack for submission sheet
- 2/28-3/31 Yankee Candle Sale
- April 1, 2011: COMEDY NIGHT at Madeline’s in Bound Brook. \$60.00 per couple. Buffet/Cash Bar
- School Supply Kit Committee needed- speak to Lisa Couch
- Summer Workbook Sale- Shelley Schwartz agreed to chair.

- 8th Grade Dance Update- June 10th. Madeline's. Theme is Night at the Boardwalk. Dance will be from 7-10 PM to decrease cost.
- Also on 6/7/2011- Pool Parties for grades 6 and 7
- Moving Over Ceremony- Last full week of school in June.
- Kathy Humphrey- organizing a Food Drive for March. More info to follow.
- Teacher Appreciation Week will be 5/2-5/6. Committee Members Needed

Matthew Renzo (GBMS- Dr Rose) won the ice cream party

Charlene Schuyler, Kim Grossman and Jennifer Gotlick won Parent Raffle