

**Green Brook PTO Meeting Minutes  
January 11, 2011**

9:38 AM Lisa Couch lead meeting with Pledge of Allegiance

**Reading of the Minutes**

Minutes from the November meeting were read and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report**

Lisa Couch presented Treasurer's report. Holiday Boutique was a big success with a profit of \$3,000. The treasure's report was motioned, seconded and accepted

**President's Report**

- Mrs. Ostrander is in need of children's clothing, both boys and girls. Please send in anything you may have that you no longer need. Sweatpants and undergarments are really needed.
- PTO will be working with the schools for the National Food Drive. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate with the school.

**Principal's Report**

- Mr. Lamberti reported that \$705 was earned at Principal story time at Barnes and Noble. The money will be used for new books in the library
- Winter intramurals will be held in January
- Kindergarten call-in registration will begin January 24

**Teacher Representatives**

None in attendance due to the timing of this PTO meeting

**Committee Reports**

- **Cultural Arts** –The next assembly at IEF will be in March for National Nutrition Month. An artist will be visiting the students at GBMS
- **Mini Grants** – Teachers have submitted their forms for mini grants. Grants will be rewarded next week.
- **RIF Parties** will be held on Friday, January 14 at GBMS and February 4 at IEF
- **Box Tops for Education** – The first check for Box Tops for Education as been submitted in the amount of \$366. The next submission is the beginning of March

- **Little Caesar's Pizza Kits** – Forms have been sent home for the Little Caesar's fundraiser. This was not a planned fundraiser, but many parents asked to do it again. Friends and Family can order on-line as part of the fundraiser. All orders will be delivered on February 4. Please pick up your orders at GBMS.
- **Book Fair** – The next book fair will be March 1 – 3 at IEF and March 15 – 17 at GBMS.
- **Sunshine Committee** – Gave Maggiano gift cards to janitors and secretaries for the holidays
- **Bengal Bashes** – The next dance will be held on February 11 for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The first meeting for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance committee is January 27. The dance is tentatively set to be held at Madalines, but can be changed if committee wishes. The committee will discuss cutting down on the length of the dance from 4 hours to 3 hours. Letters will be sent home soon regarding the dance.
- **Hospitality** – Kathy Humphrey that the PTO sponsored a holiday breakfast for all teachers. It was warmly received by all. Lisa Couch reported that the PTO gave cookie trays to the police and fire departments as a way to thank you for all that they do for us.

#### **Board of Education Representative**

- John Sartor reported that we should anticipate another tough budget year. The board is looking at different options to help with cutting costs.
- Currently the board is soliciting proposals to outsource busing, janitors, secretaries, and aids. Any proposals that are received will be discussed at the next board meeting.
- The board has received about a dozen responses for candidates for superintendent. They are looking to make a final selection and offer by March.
- The new track and field project at GBMS will kick-off the beginning of March and be completed by late July.
- The board is currently discussing incorporating a pre-school program at IEF to help bring in revenue and help offset the \$1,000,000 gap in the budget.

#### **Old Business**

Dini Checko reported that 7 families have signed up for the Viridian fundraiser.

### **New Business**

- Mr. Lamberti informed parents that the CAP presentation will be canceled if there is no school tomorrow due to snow. It will be rescheduled for Friday, January 14. from 9:30 am – 10:30 am.
- Spring Egg Hunt – We are looking for a committee to organize the Spring Egg hunt. The date of April 16 was suggested as a good day to hold the hunt. Lisa Couch will check with town to see if the pavilion at Top of the World Park is available. Wendy Francisco will check to make sure this doesn't coincide with Little League opening day.

Ice Cream Party Winner – Megan Francisco (3 – Pirrone)

Raffle Winner – Kathy Humphrey

Next meeting will be held on February 8, 2011 at 7:30 PM. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents are responsible for refreshments.

Motioned to adjourn, accepted.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Buckle, PTO Secretary