

Green Brook PTO Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2011

Lisa Couch welcomes Parents and teachers to the PTO meeting. Motioned and accepted to bypass the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Tiffany Graf presented the treasurer's report

President's Report

Lisa Couch reported that the spring book fair did remarkably well. The profit from the book fair will be turned into Scholastic dollars, which then gets doubled, money will then be used to purchase books for future RIF parties. Yankee Candle fundraiser also did well with a profit of over \$3,000. Mrs. Couch appointed members to the nominating committee, Kim Grossman, Melissa Noble, and Jodi Britton. The PTO is currently looking for interested individuals to take over as President and Secretary.

Third Grade Moving Ceremony – There will be a meeting on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 PM in the IEF cafeteria to discuss the ceremony. A suggestion was made to have third grade parents supply the food and have second grade parents set up for the ceremony.

Home Room Parents – Bruce Martin asked the board why Homeroom Parents aren't volunteering and participating in PTO board meetings. Lisa Couch explained that many of the parents feel that the Nutrition Committee has put a huge burden on them in regard to parties; many parents feel frustrated and now longer want to participate. A suggestion was made to ask Pomtonian if they can make up healthy party platters for the homeroom parents to use at parties. Kathy Humphrey volunteered to speak with Pomptonian to see what can be done. The next Nutrition Committee meeting is April 28 at GBMS.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Cook reported for Mr. Lamberdi. The Curriculum Fair will be held on April 27 at IEF. Ms. Varipapas is planning the French field trip. Kindergarten screening is in progress. Currently there are 69 children registered. At GBMS, the robotics team competed at Bridgewater HS. All four teams had perfect scores in the obstacle course. Gina Abitane, a fourth grader at GBMS, was selected as one of 2011 Best of the Best Writers.

Board of Education Representative

Bruce Martin reported that the search for a new superintendent is coming to an end. There is one candidate that they are interested in and will be making an offer to. Negotiations are still in progress with the union.

Teacher Representative

Mrs. Doane thanked the PTO for the Jump for Jill assembly. She also thanked the PTO for supplying dictionaries and calculators for the math and spelling bee.

Committee Reports

Cultural Arts: Chinese Acrobats will be the last assembly this year at GBMS

Spring Mini Grants: The grants have all been received and will be reviewed by the grants committee and then awarded.

Yankee Candle Sale: Was a huge success. Lisa Couch is looking for volunteers to help distribute the candles.

Box Tops: Gina Strong reported that after the last submission in January, the PTO collected \$550 worth of box tops. Gina reported that we are half way to reaching our goal \$1,000 by the end of the year.

Bengal Bash: Volunteers are needed to chaperone Bengal Bash.

Sunshine: A retirement gift was given to the Head Custodian. Gifts will be given to Administrative Assistants on Administrative Professional Day.

Teacher Appreciation: Preparations are under way for the teacher appreciation week. Anyone interested in helping out can attend the meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 10 AM in the IEF library.

Old Business

New Business

A suggestion was made for next year, instead have doing a lot of fundraisers throughout the year, families would be asked for a flat donation of \$75 per family. There would be an understanding that if we don't meet the budget by donations, then we will have to include some form of fundraising. The board would like to survey the parents regarding this idea.

Ice Cream Party Winner – Alex Graf – Miss Cicarella