

MINUTES

Jackson-Milton Elementary PTA Minutes

December 10th 2014

The meeting was called to order by Sheila Factor at 6:05 pm

In attendance (12)

Sheila Factor

Kim Cole

Brandy Hinkle

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were presented from the November meeting and approved.

Treasures Report

Stand as read no changes made. Account balance \$25,392.00

Still need to make payment to Image One for December Orders

Principal's Report

4th, 5th and 6th grade class concert tomorrow

NED Program next week (Friday)

Christmas Parties December 19th at 2:30 pm

Camp Fitch January 14th-16th for 5th grade

State testing tutoring will be offered after school for grades 3-6. Snacks and busing provided. Tutoring is by certified teachers. Testing is done 75% and 90% thru the year.

Gifted testing going on now- kids evaluated for an a WEP Plan (Written education plan)

Polar Express day for K-3, Thursday December 18th.

Unfinished Business

- Orders for JM apparel will be in for pick up next week. Date and time to be announced.
- Santa's Workshop was a success. Mrs. Vega and some moms made some suggestions for next year which include toddler items added to inventory, more inventories ordered at beginning. Having a table for 1.00 items. Having school clubs such as key club and national honor society volunteer to help kids shop, set up wrapping and read story. Possibly an inventory sheet for parents to look at.
- Fence in the back behind the playground:
 - John Factor went to the board meeting and received approval for the fence. The board also thanked PTA for the fence and all the hard work we do. John went to the zoning office and received the permit for the construction. He spoke to 5 different companies for quotes to get the best pricing. The posts will be cemented in place. It will be chain link vinyl coated in black. It will be 150 feet by 5 feet high.

Austintown Fence: 1400.00

Hoover Fence: 1550.00

Gabriel Fence: 1550.00

Youngstown Fence: No response to 4 calls

Canfield Fence: 1750.00

After speaking with all of the companies, John's recommendation is Hoover Fence because his fence is heavier. The owner Chad Hoover was very professional and they also have the inventory in stock.

Frank Tomaino moved to accept John's recommendation. Mrs. Fisk Seconded. All Approved. The new Fence will be installed by Hoover Fence. Date to be determined. The cost will be approx. \$1600.00 with the permit fee.

- Golden ticket still going on the first 3 weeks in December. Each Friday Mrs. Fisk will pull 1 boy and 1 girl to win a gift certificate for good behavior.
- CPR event on hold till we can get more details.
- Safety Buckets- Frank Tomaino said he went and spoke to Office Sosnosky. The cost is about 65.00 per bucket. Our elementary school has a need of 35 locations for these buckets which would cost about 2750.00. Frank suggested approving up to \$3000.00 for the elementary school and some to help the high school. There seemed to still be a lot of questions regarding these buckets and it was suggested we table this motion and ask Officer Sosnosky to come to the January PTA meeting and discuss this with us further. John factor suggested we check with our PTA charter to make sure its ok for us to donate money to the High school.

New Business

- Mrs. Fisk said an idea was brought up to give the 5th & 6th grade a holiday dance instead of the party. Mrs. Fisk said the gym would be ok. Ideas were mentioned to make it 230-500 like the Blue Jay Boogie. Possibly a DJ and a photo opportunity. Mrs. Fisk will have student council take a poll to see if the majority want a dance as opposed to the parties. Committee for this will be Brandy Hinkle, Marilee Modarelli, Mrs Fisk. Brandy will also consult Miss Snowden regarding planning a dance and see if she will join the Committee.
- Coat Racks are needed by the bathrooms so the kids don't leave their coats on the Floor while they use the restroom. Kim Cole had some sample ideas. Frank Tomaino moved to approve up to \$100.00 for this project and John Factor seconded. All Approved.
- Mrs. Vega is in need of book bins for the younger children in the library. The cost is \$300.00 each and she needs 3. John Factor moved to approve \$900.00 for this project and Frank Tomaino seconded. All Approved
- PTA has budgeted to buy clothing for children that get muddy on the playground or may have accidents and have no change of clothes. The clothing that was purchased in September is dwindling quickly. Mrs. Fisk had an idea to get a small washer and dryer so that the kid's clothes can be laundered and put back on them to go home and they won't need to wear the loaner clothes home. This idea was tabled for now.
- Discussed the need a donation box for new or gently used coats and clothes and possibly having a clothing event to swap clothes. Committee selected was Shannon Stambaugh, Kim Cole, and Stephanie Montgomery. They will select date and time of event. Possible in January.
- We received a letter from Akron Children's hospital. They are working on a program the help prevent childhood diabetes and obesity, they are simply asking for us to make a list of things in our area that are accessible to children for exercise. Several ideas were mentioned and a list started.
- Blue Jay Elf: The teachers Union started this program. Teachers raise money to help approx 60 families that have been identified to have a need in our area at Christmas. They raise \$6000.00-\$7000.00 each year. The teachers take the families shopping. This year they are a little short. Frank Tomaino moved that the PTA make up the difference up to 1000.00 so the families don't get shorted. John Factor seconded the motion. All approved.

Next Meeting

January 14th 2014 at 6:00 pm in the JMES Library

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:25 and was passed unanimously.