

Walker Elementary School

PTA Meeting Minutes

December 5th, 2008

Mary Jo Jatczak called the fourth meeting for the 2008-2009 school year of the Walker Elementary School PTA to order at 6:32 pm. There were 8 members of the PTA present and 2 teachers. Cindy Ray made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 10th, 2008 PTA meeting. Bobbi Regalia seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report/Kari Simpson

- Kari Simpson indicated she was just wrapping up things from the Holiday Bazaar and was not able to give a final tally of monies earned.
- There were no questions or concerns raised regarding the budget. Budget will be filed for Audit.

President's Report/Mary Jo Jatczak

- Finalized the Spirit Wear. PTA has samples to display and will be sending home an order form for families to order the Spirit Wear. Mary Jo Jatczak indicated that PTA will not be able to receive any Spirit Wear that has been ordered before Christmas however since we do have extras from our initial sample order Mary Jo indicated that we will try to fill orders where the purchaser wanted to receive their Spirit Wear before Christmas.

Secretaries Report/Gina Kirkpatrick

- Phone Directory is being reprinted due to an error made by the copy center at the Administration Office. As soon as received at Walker it will be sent home to those in the directory.

Membership/Tiffany Krahn

- Currently have 205 members PTA has a goal of wanting to have 226 members.
- Tiffany Krahn indicated PTA should resend flyers to try and obtain more members.
- Still do not have **all** teachers as members.

Reading Program/Cindy Ray

- 198 students met their November goal and received Gumdrop cupcakes and juice.
- Cindy Ray indicated that the December goal gathering will be on December 19th with the theme being peppermint.
- Earning Great America tickets flyer will be sent home on December 17th.

Family Events/Tonie Kieliszkowski & Bobbi Regalia

- Bobbi Regalia indicated that the Holiday Bazaar went really well!!! PTA ended up with quite a few volunteers - more than expected. The vendors that participated were very pleased, some vendors even requested to sign up for next year. There were many positive comments of what was offered and everyone felt that over the years through word of mouth; etc the Holiday Bazaar should grow. There was a suggestion by some to hold it earlier in the year. PTA used all free ads except for the Journal Sentinel.
- Tonie Kieliszkowski indicated that the Family Events committee is currently planning events for January and February but do need to confirm the date of the 5th Grade event.

Council Report and Reflections/Bobbi Regalia

- At December's Council meeting they discussed the Bylaws. Kurt Wachholz was invited to the inauguration. They also talked about the surveys that had been received regarding the start times. They received about 1000 surveys and most indicated that they all wanted the schools to all start at the same time which according to Johnna Noll will not actually happen.
- Regarding Reflections - Bobbi Regalia indicated that there were 9 entries which is good since it was announced to Walker students' last minute. Anything that is turned in late will be sent straight to State. This however means those last minute entries will not be displayed at a council level. Bobbi Regalia also indicated that the entries received are very good.

Teacher's Report/Ms. Fuller

- Students in the K-4 program need to be age 4 by September 1st.
- Currently incorporating technology into the k-4 program. They are currently using a portable Smartboard. Students have been going into the computer lab to gain experience using computers. Indicated that students are being taught both basic and advanced computer skills. Ms. Fuller also indicated that she has received positive feedback that the K-4 students are entering 5K with a computer usage baseline.
- Ms. Fuller is developing a Christmas program with Mrs. Stringer using Webweavers, Flip Cameras, and Moviemakers.
- K-4 is also looking into doing another field trip.

Principal's Report/Mrs. Noll

- District currently has a Safe Ways to School grant however Walker Elementary School is not included in it. Are putting on holding enforcing the drop off and pick up areas at Walker right now. Walker is looking at designated drop off and pick up locations however there is no timeline for this. Colleen Teeters questioned having paid Crossing Guards and Mrs. Noll indicated that there are currently two provided by the city. Everyone did indicate that the Student Crossing Guards are doing a great job. Mrs. Noll recommends parking across from the playgrounds and coming up through that way. Also recommended that we should watch for repeat offenders and take down their plates.
- Indicated that there are currently 6 Flip Cameras at Walker. They plug into USB Ports. Mrs. Brzycki wrote a grant regarding them and received 3 more in the budget.
- Students are currently videotaping the Pride pledge and decorating the news room. They are working on getting video news announcements and working to receive a video link on Walker's website.

Bobbi Regalia questioned location of cordless microphones that were purchased through the PTA. President, Mary Jo Jatczak, adjourned this meeting at 7:08 pm. Minutes recorded and submitted by Gina Kirkpatrick, Secretary.