

## Walker Elementary School

### PTA Meeting Minutes

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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Mary Jo Jatczak called the third meeting for the 2008-2009 school year of the Walker Elementary School PTA to order at 6:32 pm. There were 12 members of the PTA present and 2 teachers. Cindy Ray made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 PTA meeting. Bobbi Regalia seconded the motion.

#### Treasurer Report/Kari Simpson

- PTA will be reimbursing teachers for First Stage. This money will be added to the \$350.00 that each grade already receives. The total to be paid back will be figured out as follows - each child multiplied by \$5.75.
- Mary Jo Jatczak discussed how PTA decided to pull out line items and dollar amounts for each grade and place them into a tier system and then as money comes in PTA would begin implementing the priorities which were given either a 1, 2, or a 3.
- Jennifer Engel questioned the \$58.00 difference for First Stage and Kari indicated that this money will go in to the general fund and will be applied to the tier where needed.
- Any excess money in the PTA account will be continually rolled down the tier system.
- There were no questions or concerns raised regarding the budget. Budget will be filed for Audit.

#### President's Report/Mary Jo Jatczak

- Jefferson Elementary School is hosting a Wildlife Presentation. This will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Admittance is \$5.00 per person.
- Finalized the Spirit Wear T-Shirt contest. Michala Herron came in 1<sup>st</sup> place and Travis Teeters came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. The designs were sent to Will Enterprises. The artist there will apply the designs the best as possible to the t-shirts. Some adjustments may need to be made to the designs. Hopefully some of the t-shirts will be done in time for the Holiday Bazaar on December 6<sup>th</sup> where they can be purchased. After that t-shirts will be done by orders only. Then hopefully these orders will be done in time for Christmas. Kari Simpson asked if the Spirit Wear will be available in Spring also. Mary Jo indicated it depended on the screens. Cindy Ray asked if there would only be t-shirts or will there also be sweatshirts. Mary Jo indicated that there would be more than just the t-shirts. Colleen Teeters asked if Mary Jo knew the cost yet of the t-shirts and at this time Mary Jo indicated that she did not have a final price yet and that they were trying to keep them less expensive. Gina Kirkpatrick asked if the screens will be available again for next year. Mary Jo indicated it depended on how much we sold. Bobbi Regalia asked if Mary Jo was using an order form from the company. Mary Jo indicated that she received an order form that was used by Lincoln PTA from Angela Machesky. Colleen Teeters indicated that she would pay for the screen print for the back of the t-shirt that Travis Teeters designed. Mary Jo indicated that it was only \$30.00.

### Vice President's Report/Tonie Kieliszkowski

- Has separated the names and numbers for the committees and is still looking for people to Chair a few of the committees.
- A Family Events meeting will be held right after this PTA meeting.

### Council Report & Phone Directory/Gina Kirkpatrick

- Council meeting was held on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussed surveys that were sent home regarding start times. Results will be tabulated in December and then given in January at which time the Board will vote on.
- Other schools discussed ideas and events that had for example a Stonefire incentive Party and a few schools had book fairs.
- Council Founders Day Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 this is used to benefit scholarships, survive alive, and various programs.
- Council is holding a Culvers Night on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-9 pm. An email which included the voucher was sent home today.
- Council will have a "bus" in the Christmas parade on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am.
- Council recommended that the local PTA's were unable to find a chair for Reflections that the Vice President should chair it. Submissions are due by December 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Phone Directory is still a work in progress.

### Ways and Means/Jennifer Engel

- Market Day earned \$184.88 for the month of November.
- Kemps milk caps were dropped off and earned PTA \$237.40. We submitted a total of 4,742 milk caps.
- Colleen Teeters provided information regarding the aluminum tabs. We can earn 25 cents per pound. Can use any type of tab not just soda tab such as soup can, pet can any pop tab. Colleen Teeters indicated she is trying to figure out where we should store them. She also indicated that there are several places we can take them. If this is something PTA would like to do we could send a flyer home. Jacqueline Wick motioned to participate in this program and Kari Simpson seconded the motion. Ms. Schwasinger indicated that perhaps the kids could decorate a container to take home to start collecting the tabs.
- Mr. Z's is currently following up with replacements for 2 people. There were numerous people that indicated that the items the kids received as "gifts" were broken.

### Reading Program/Cindy Ray

- Kickoff was on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A giant game of Candyland was played with the kids.
- Extended due date for t-shirt order forms for another week. Sally Angle indicated that the t-shirts were expensive at \$9.50 and that is probably why we did not receive a lot of orders. Kari Simpson indicated that we did receive quite a few orders. Cindy Ray indicated that a lot of people actually indicated to her that they forgot to order their t-shirts.

### Family Events/Tonie Kieliszkowski & Bobbi Regalia

- November 14<sup>th</sup> Kung Fu Panda movie night coming up we have approximately 50 people coming. Will be holding meeting right after this PTA meeting tonight to discuss this event and the Holiday Bazaar on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Membership/Tonie Kieliszkowski for Tiffany Krahn(absent)

- Currently have 200 members.
- Applications for all 4 membership awards have been submitted.
- Currently have  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the teachers as members. Our goal is to have **all** teachers as members.

### Teacher's Report/Ms. Schwasinger

- Conferences will be held on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday November 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Students are going through MAPPs testing. This is done on the computer which as the student answers a question the computer adjusts for their level.
- Report Cards will go home on Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Stringer will hold a book fair on both days of the conferences.
- November 24<sup>th</sup> Persistence assembly will be held at 3:00 pm by the 1<sup>st</sup> graders.

### Principal's Report/Mrs. Bryski

- Last Friday was the kick off for "PRIDE".
- Updated Walker All-Stars somewhat. Instead of having All-Stars recess using big foam stars and if a student shows an aspect of "PRIDE" their name will go on a star which will then be placed on one of the foam stars. Once the star is full the entire school will receive an incentive that is listed in the middle of the star. This promotes teambuilding for the students.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade had their first day with Wheels In Motion - engineers, scientists, and builders will be coming in during this. Today the DOT came in to discuss the program for 2 hours and gave the students and overview. On Friday November 21<sup>st</sup> will be the closing ceremony and everyone is invited.
- Student Council will be collecting art supplies and having penny wars for Ronald McDonald house this week and next week. For the penny war \$1.00 bills will equal 100 pennies.
- Discussed the survey regarding the start times. Currently gathering information only. Listening sessions are being held. There have been many questions regarding SAFE Programs.
- WKCE Testing still underway. Monitoring for regulations.

President, Mary Jo Jatczak, adjourned this meeting at 7:38 pm.

Mrs. Bryski pulled out the name for the Membership Raffle basket and Jessica Hess won.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Gina Kirkpatrick, Secretary.