

Walker Elementary School

PTA Meeting Minutes

October 20th, 2008

Mary Jo Jatczak called the second meeting for the 2008-2009 school year of the Walker Elementary School PTA to order at 6:37 pm. There were 14 members of the PTA present and 2 teachers. Tonie Kieliszkowski made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 8th, 2008 PTA meeting. Kari Simpson seconded the motion.

Treasurer Report/Kari Simpson

- Talked about the Halloween Family fun night and that Family Events are not for the profit but for the families. Jennifer Holtstander questioned this comment and Mary Jo Jatczak indicated that the main focus of Family Events is the events themselves and not the profit.
- Requested that any items purchased for PTA must have own receipt.
- Once have final Mr. Z's numbers will begin implementing first priority items on budget.
- Colleen Teeters bought up the idea of collecting soda can tabs. Indicated PTA could make a great easy profit from this. Mary Jo Jatczak asked for the information from Colleen so that we could look into implementing this. Colleen indicated that there is no money out of pocket to do this.
- Sally Angle had concerns regarding spending money on the DJ for the Halloween Family fun night. She indicated that the money could and should have been spent on the Weekly Readers. Mary Jo Jatczak indicated that Family Events does not come out of the PTA Budget. Family Events supports itself so no PTA funds were used.
- PTA members indicated that there was some concern that we are currently not recycling at our events. PTA will follow up on.
- Mary Jo Jatczak asked if there were any questions and there were none Mary Jo indicated that the Budget for October will be filed for audit.

Guest Speaker/Steve Kosnar from Sodexo

- Invited by Walker PTA Board to address concerns raised by students regarding Hot lunch program.
- Indicated every year is a learning process and that Sodexo continually tries to provide for the students with the choices they want; for the parents by not raising prices in the last 3 years.
- Listened to a list of concerns written by the students read by Bobbi Regalia. Some of students concerns were food not being cooked, portions too small, and the milk not being cold enough. Steve indicated will look into this and will be continually fine tuning the Hot lunch Program.

President's Report/Mary Jo Jatczak

- PTA has an online Video Store (ptavideostore.com) which contains all family friendly videos. There are no R rated films and gift cards are available for purchase.

- National PTA encouraging everyone to vote on November 4th. Can go to the PTA website and click on Legislative, Candidates, and my races and enter information and will be able to see a list of all the candidates in your area. PTA does not back any one candidate in particular.

Vice President's Report/Tonie Kieliszkowski

- Thanks to all that returned slips regarding committees. Will begin logging the names and phone numbers into the proper committees.

Council Report/Gina Kirkpatrick

- Discussed that if a member has a PTA sign on their lawn they cannot have a specific candidate sign on their lawn also. If they do this sends out the message that PTA supports that candidate.
- Oct 11th's Youth Football dance was changed to Oct 25th. This dance is to get the students from the intermediate schools together.
- February 22nd is the Founders Day Carnival and all schools should participate. They need to provide a game booth, volunteers to run ticket booth, prize table & inflatables, and 2 raffles for the silent auction - one for a child and one for an adult.

Ways and Means/Jennifer Engel

- Market Day earned \$184.65 for the month of October.
- Kari Simpson asked regarding what time Mr. Z's would be dropping off and Jennifer indicated around 2:30 and that dolly's would be provided and just needed runners. Were holding off on giving numbers until final tally is in.

Reading Program/Cindy Ray

- Kickoff is on October 24th. Each child will receive a bag with all information. Will be an all day event.
- Reading parents will be getting a call to find out the theme.
- Gina Kirkpatrick asked if there was a specific time set aside in the classrooms for actually reading during the read ins and it was indicated that there is.

Family Events/Tonie Kieliszkowski & Bobbi Regalia

- Halloween Family Fun Night event a success and thanked everyone for helping.
- November 14th Kung Fu Panda movie night event. Will be holding meeting right after this PTA meeting tonight to discuss event.

Membership/Mary Jo Jatczak for Tiffany Krahn(absent)

- Are currently doing well on membership. Indicated that Mary Jo Jatczak would ask Tiffany Krahn where we at number wise.
- Will do Family Fun Basket raffle drawing at the November 10th, 2008 PTA meeting.
- On November 14th, 2008; night of Family Fun Movie will be raffling off Kung Fu Panda movie.

Phone Directory/Gina Kirkpatrick

- Still putting phone directory together.

Teacher's Report & Principal's Report/Mrs. Kurtz & Johanna Noll

- Mrs. Kurtz indicated that October was Walkers night to demonstrate their presentation on the Smartboard. Each school is designated a month to showcase their Smartboards.
- Mrs. Noll talked regarding the Smartboards and kids videos in place of the newspaper.
- Demonstrated the Smartboard showcase.
- Mrs. Kurtz indicated are still promoting the PRIDE acronym and the 5 components associated with it. They are persistence, respect, integrity, diversity, and excellence. This program is a positive component that is behavioral. If children demonstrate any of these components they can receive star awards. The stars will be displayed in the main hallway next to the gym. Teachers are encouraging parents to continue to promote the acronym at home.

- Mrs. Noll indicated that Mrs. Bryski was able to obtain a \$3000.00 grant to be used for an author to come to Walker.
- Mrs. Noll discussed that part of the success to Walker is everyone - the teachers, parents, students and families.
- WKCE testing will be held November 3rd - 5th. Makeups will be the last 2 weeks of November.
- Cindy Ray questioned amount of cleaning done since Shigella outbreak. Mrs. Noll indicated that cleaning staff doubled up on cleaning. Hand sanitizers were ordered for the classrooms. Reviewed with the kids the proper way to wash their hands. Health department has a list of the kids that have been out from school.
- Mary Jo Jatczak asked regarding Head Lice and Mrs. Noll indicated that Lana would be doing follow-ups. Angela Machesky indicated that at Lincoln Lisa Long organized their lice checks by using Nurses. Colleen Teeters offered to come in and help check.
- If will be chaperoning a field trip Walker will be conducting background checks.

Old Business/Mary Jo Jatczak

- Spirit Wear t-shirt contest ends on Wednesday October 22nd, 2008. Entries will be posted on a board and taken around the school for teachers and students to vote on. October 29th, 2008 winner will be announced. If there is a tie Mary Jo indicated that she will be checking if there is an option to offer two choices for purchase. Angela Machesky asked regarding sale time (how long will it take) Mary Jo indicated that she would like to have them available to be offered for sale at the Holiday Bazaar on December 6th, 2008 and thought that general turnaround should be relatively quick. Jennifer Holtstander asked if PTA would be purchasing Walker Spirit Wear t-shirts for the students that could not afford them. Mary Jo indicated that Walker Spirit Wear was optional.

President, Mary Jo Jatczak, adjourned this meeting at 8:30 pm.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Gina Kirkpatrick, Secretary.