

Lava Ridge PTO

General Meeting Minutes for January 4, 2011

Attendees: PTO Board: Jennifer Phillips, President, Kristie Wild, Vice President, Candace Tanaka, Secretary.

Members: Serene Gribskov, Jen Davis, Julie Owens, Donna Lindsay, Jennifer Aderman, Heidi Tomlinson, Tasha McFarland, Tiffany Heffernan, Lani Chroninger, Erica Hoiness, Melissa and Darren Hassell, Katrina Starkweather, Rochelle Williams, Kami Henry, Dyana Conrad, Amy Burks.

Jennifer Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Last General Meeting was November 2, 2010. Minutes were reviewed and there were no questions.

Treasurers Report

Jennifer Phillips reported that a check was received from Sally Foster for an additional \$300.00 in online sales.

The Christmas tree fundraiser brought in \$162.00.

The Holiday Bazaar made \$652.00.

Lava Ridge t-shirts: There won't be anymore new orders taken for t-shirts and sweatshirts at this time, but sales of the t-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts in stock will continue. The hat sale that took place in early December was very successful.

Teacher grants have been given out, each teacher received \$100.00.

Principals Report

Mr. Timms was not present so Donna Lindsay gave the report. The third, fourth, and fifth grades begin state testing at the end of January. Third grade will be tested in math and reading, fifth grade will be tested in math, reading, and science. DIBELS testing will begin the end of January, the first week of February.

Events

Trivia Night: Trivia night will be held on January 21st at 6:30. Volunteers are needed to help set up tables, and as it was discussed and agreed upon that the PTO will sell concessions, volunteers are needed to help with this also. The PTO will provide pretzels at each table, and suggestions for food that can be sold were popcorn, soda pop, water, and candy bars. Jennifer Aderman and her daughter volunteered to help with concessions, along with Candace Tanaka, with possible help from Melissa and Darren Hassell and Heidi Tomlinson. A flyer with information about Trivia Night will go home with the students this week.

Carnival: Volunteers are still needed for Carnival, including a coordinator to organize volunteers and a coordinator to organize the games.

Bingo: Bingo basket lists are out and volunteers have begun to look for raffle prizes.

Read-A-Thon: The Read-A-Thon was originally planned for February, but because it is a really busy month for teachers, it has been re-scheduled for March, with the kick off to take place at the Dr. Suess assembly. Heidi Tomlinson and Tasha McFarland are organizing the Read-A-Thon. It will be 2 weeks long, with students collecting pledges for the amount of time they spend reading at home. Pledges can be made on a per minute basis, or students can receive a donation. At the end of the 2 weeks prizes will be given out for the top readers, top fund raiser, and other prizes. There will be special days during the 2 weeks, like pajama day and crazy hat day. Students who are not able to collect pledges will still keep track of the time they spend reading and will be eligible for prizes.

If the Read-A-Thon is a successful fund raiser it is possible that the Rummage Sale will not take place this year. At this point there have been just 2 volunteers who have offered to help.

Box Tops Update: In November 1,017 Box Tops were collected for a total of \$101.70. The second grade will be having a popcorn party to celebrate bringing in the most Box Tops, 289 for that month. In December 2,026 Box Tops were collected for a total of \$202.60. The fifth graders won a hot chocolate party by collecting 827 Box Tops, the most collected for December.

Book Fair

The Book Fair generated \$6,000 in book sales, with full-time teachers each receiving \$100 in books, half-time teachers and reading specialist each receiving \$50 in books. The library earned \$450 in books. On Tuesday night during the week of the Book Fair teachers were eligible to win baskets filled with Scholastic products, one basket for each grade. The winners were Mrs. Misener, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Kravitz, Mrs. Deatherage, Mrs. Kamasz, and Mrs. Bangert.

Christian Joachims took home the large Clifford stuffed animal.

Classroom Teacher Report

Third grade is going swimming this week. The second graders celebrated on the day before Christmas break with a Friendship Feast.

Kristie Wild reported on the Civil War can drive, which was not a PTO activity, but a fund raiser for the fifth grade field trip. It made over \$500.00, with the Oregon Ducks coming in first place.

General Discussion

Donna Lindsay mentioned that fund raising will begin for the Lava Ridge Sparrow, Daniel Carreon. Mrs. Kamasz and Mrs. Purtzer will organizing the fund raising.

Kami Henry and Katrina Starkweather are working on the PTO website, which is very close to being finished.

On Friday January 14th the second grade dental screening will take place.

Suggestions for increasing attendance at PTO meetings: bring a friend and get your name in a drawing for a t-shirt, schedule the meetings at different times, for example a morning meeting, for those parents who can't come in the evenings, give more notice of meetings and events for those parents who like to know the schedule a few weeks in advance.

Erica Hoiness volunteered to write a PTO newsletter once a month.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15. The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday February 1st at 6:30.

Minutes respectfully taken by:

Candace Tanaka, PTO Secretary

Approved by Jennifer Phillips, PTO President