

EIS PTA Unit Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2008

- Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Presentation of Flags
- Ivana O'Brien and Bren Milleson moved to approve the January 2008 Unit Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved.

- **Principal's Report (Stacy Strow)**

Mrs. Strow discussed the catered luncheon for area preschool directors; she said it was successful in spreading the word about Eisenhower's program.

She discussed 2nd quarter attendance statistics.

Central heat and air will be installed this summer. The school cannot be occupied during June and July, therefore, the summer reading program will not occur this summer, and after care will take place at Grimes.

Stacy also wanted to thank the EIS Foundation; with the recent AAA award given to Eisenhower, certified teachers receive a financial reward. The Foundation gave each support staff \$300.

She reminded everyone that her office is always open.

- **President's Report (Rob Wright)**

Rob reminded everyone that the PTA is looking for officers for next year.

- **2nd Vice President's Report (Jennifer Seely)**

Jennifer Seely asked the Unit for money to be used toward gifts for the exchange students; \$108 for SLP students (from the fall) and \$200 for French students. Karl Siewert moved to approve these funds, Ivana O'Brien, second. The motion passed.

- **Treasurer's Report (Blake Johnson)**

Blake reviewed the budget. He discussed that for the beginning of the 08-09 school year, the Unit needs about \$8,000 in reserve.

With the summer reading program not taking place this summer, as Mrs. Strow mentioned above, she asked if that money could be used to buy book bags for the 1st grade 100 book program. Blake said allocating the reading program money for another purpose would be fine. Becky Porter moved to use the summer library program for the summer of 2008 for the purpose of purchasing book bags. The motion passed.

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• **Delegate's Report (Steve Benway)**

Steve Benway briefly discussed the last city PTA meeting where TPS Superintendent Dr. Zolkoski addressed the August 11th start date, high school dress codes, and that April 4th school will be in session. Also, the last city PTA meeting in May will be the Leadership Institute. Next City PTA meeting, February 26th.

• **Committee Reports**

Christy Blystone mentioned an event with the Tulsa 66ers basketball team that will occur on March 8th at the Expo Pavillion. Tickets will be \$7 each. Look for more information in the home and backs.

FIESTIVALE: Monica Roberts discussed Fiestivale, scheduled for April 4th. They are going to have an online auction this year, running 3-4 weeks through March. More information on that soon. They are still seeking acquisitions (i.e., donated items that can then be sold at the event). Donation forms are available at school or on the EIS website. If you have any items you'd like to donate, you can drop them off at the EIS main office, or give them directly to Christy Blystone or Monica.

JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS: Kathy Ostrem discussed the Junior Great Books. This program has seen a large participant increase, now with 10 groups of kids. Kathy needs more volunteers, books, and would like to give a pizza party at the end. She asked the Unit for \$600 additional funds for the program. Christy Blystone moved to approve the additional money, Maureen Wilson, second. The motion passed.

OTHER:

- Sr. Leo DeAndrade gave a presentation on Smartboards.
- Lane Wilson mentioned the Foundation golf tournament will be held on March 31st.

Toward the end of the meeting, there was a lengthy discussion on Smartboards. The Board, in looking for a big project to rally around for Fiestivale, brought this forward as a possibility. Numerous Unit members and teachers gave their opinions, and with the momentum of the discussion, it was decided that Smartboards would be the project goal for Fiestivale.

Lane Wilson moved to utilize all available PTA funds, minus \$10,000, to purchase Smartboards. Kim Hutton, second. Several members desired a more formal vote; therefore 32 Yeas and 2 Nays. The motion passed.

It was recommended that for the 08-09 school year, the "big project" be selected in the fall so to avoid this, as some felt, hurried decision.

Next Unit meeting March 13, 2008 at 7 p.m. Motion for meeting adjournment at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Karen Jones*