

**STUART R. PADDOCK PTA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2010**

Date and Place

The meeting was held in the Paddock Resource Center on February 18, 2010. PTA President Jen DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

Minutes (Jenn Hurwitz)

Minutes from the January 12, 2010 meeting were presented and approved, as read. Jenny Kendall motioned for approval. Kelly Chapman seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report (Jen DeFranco-Linda Fee is ill)

The Treasurer's report dated "January 13, 2010" was presented. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence (Jenn Hurwitz)

None

Principal's Report (Guy Herrmann)

5th and 6th grade choir students along with Ms. Madsen traveled to Northwestern University. The Paddock choir sang to the Northwestern choir and afterwards, Northwestern University students worked with the Paddock students on their singing. It was a very successful mentoring opportunity and they are hoping to return next year. Mr. Zielinski and 6th grade students are participating in the "Do your P-ART foundation". The focus of the program is to try to get inner city and suburban schools together to collaborate together on projects. Mr. Zielinski invited 26 6th grade students to go based on their artistic talent and enthusiasm for art. The sixth graders and Mr. Zielinski will spend a full day at a Chicago Public School. The Paddock students will be paired with a student from the other school and their topic is: Art in a Box. The pair will create a box sculpture, then they will come to Paddock for the day to complete the project. The boxes will be displayed at the Atrium near the Merchandise Mart and students involved will go to see their sculptures.

In a meeting with Principals, Hoffman Estates, Palatine, and Rolling Meadows Police Departments explained new emergency procedures that will be put in place in all D15 schools next year with. D15 is adopting the same plan as Districts 214 and 211, which has been already been enacted and practiced. Substitute teachers and staff will be trained in the new school year.

Parents of children in grades 3-6, please have them get at least 9 hours of sleep and eat a good breakfast before testing that begins soon.

Take a look at racetothetop.com (federal US Dept of Education) program. It suggests that all states would adopt the same standards with a core group of assessments. ISAT testing would be eliminated.

Legislation Report (Jen DeFranco)

On BigTent and the Paddock website, the latest bills on the floor on the IL House and Senate are explained.

Board of Ed Meeting Update

No one attended.

NWSC News: (Jen DeFranco)

*NWSC GM Meeting is being held on Monday, February 22nd at 6:30pm at Sandburg Jr. High. It is also the Reflections Showcase.

*We do not have any representatives for the Parents Council for Education Excellence meeting in April.

*The State Convention deadline is Friday, February 19th. Attendees thus far are Jen DeFranco, Gina Brinckerhoff, and Jenn Hurwitz. Is anyone else planning to attend? The convention is March 12-14th in Naperville. All PTA members can attend the vendor fair for free with their PTA membership card.

*NWSC Standing Fund money is going to Conyers Learning Academy and Coat Closet and there are still funds left to spend.

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Old Business: (Jen DeFranco)

*The nominating committee will meet and have the slate ready to post by March 19th.

*We are still trying to fill a lot of positions, so if you know anyone interested or someone who would fit any of our board roles well, please let Jen or Gina know.

New Business: (Jen DeFranco)

*Friday, April 9th is the next Movie Night. Planet 51 will be shown.

*Kindergarten registration is Tuesday, February 23rd. The PTA will have a folder of info for new families coming to Paddock.

*There will be an amendment to the SRP Wellness Policy located on the back of agenda. A motion to accept the motion as presented was made by Julie Vander Ark. A vote verbally of all those in favor of amending the Health and Wellness policy vote "I" and it passed.

*Wendy's Dine/Share Nights-Next 4 Friday nights from (5-8pm)Feb. 19th-March 12th. 15% of all proceeds to Paddock from anyone who dines during those times.

*Jamba Juice Program is ongoing. A flyer went home in the backpacks.

*Art Stamps Fundraiser will begin March 1st to support Arts Integration Program with the Metropolis.

*Kinsch's flats of flowers, baskets, etc. to be sold and picked up right next door the same night as Open House.

*SPARK Bingo Night is Friday, April 30th during the Book Fair.

*DATE CHANGE FOR THE FUN FAIR. The new date is Friday, May 14th in the PM.

*Raise a Reader School Challenge from Parents magazine-log in online throughout the spring: March 8th-May 31st. Total minutes/kids participating in school can win a \$5000 grant for the library.

Committee Reports

*Reflections showcase is Monday night. State entries will be honored March 14th in Naperville at the State Convention.

*Health and Wellness-Family Fitness Night at the YMCA on Friday, February 19th.

*Panther Press Update- next deadline will be Monday, February 22nd. Please have articles in on time!

*Yearbook- school club pictures are Friday, February 26th in the morning.

Adjournment

With formal business concluded, Jen DeFranco adjourned the meeting at 8 :26PM.

Approved:

_____ Date

_____ Jenn Hurwitz,
Recording Secretary