

**STUART R. PADDOCK PTA  
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING  
March 16, 2010**

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**Date and Place**

The meeting was held in the Paddock Resource Center on March 16, 2010. PTA President-Elect Gina Brinckerhoff called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Minutes** (Jenn Hurwitz)

Minutes from the February 18, 2010 meeting were presented and approved, as read. Linda Fee motioned for approval. Nancy Trenkle seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report** (Linda Steck)

The Treasurer's report dated "March 16, 2010" was presented. The report will be filed for audit.

**Correspondence** (Jenn Hurwitz)

There was no correspondence.

**Principal's Report** (Guy Herrmann)

In the hallway, Mr. Herrmann wanted to thank Jen Peterson and her decorating committee for a great display. A new recognition for our students will be called "Paddock's Pride". Please send any newspaper articles about any of our students to display.

Testing is complete for students. Thank you for healthy kids!

A second abduction report surfaced from a parent and the Palatine Police assessed the report and determined it unfounded and is considering legal action against the individual who spread the report.

We've been approved for carpeting and all lighting fixtures will be replaced this summer. The recovery cost will be one year. This summer, our building will be very busy.

Illinois is adopting power standards along with 47 other states so that all states are on the same page. The goal for math and reading is for all students to have the same target and educators are hoping student scoring is at or exceeds their other world peers. There will be a different assessment introduced by the government. A Growth Model System is the way President Obama is looking.

House Bill 4711 is being proposed to help struggling districts during financial times. If the state wasn't going to give you money for a mandate, then you do not have to do it. The amendments added consist of issues with reading programs and special education where even if you didn't get money, you still have to do it.

\$1.2 billion Education reduction, which is a 16% cut in spending. Governor Quinn is also looking at cutting Special Education categorical grants by 21.4%, which is \$328 million.

Other states are also making large cuts for the upcoming school year as well as during the last half of this year.

**Legislation Report** (Darcy Killigrew)

None

**Board of Ed Meeting Update**

None

**NWSC News:** (Gina Brinckerhoff)

The Illinois PTA State convention was this past weekend and Paddock won several awards. The first was for Outstanding Newsletter published by Vickie Murphy. The second award was Honorable Mention for Website with webmaster Mana Bhasin. The last award was a Membership award for 100% faculty/community member increase.

We have 1 Reflections project advancing to Nationals. Kindergartner Delaney Garcea is our representative.

We also had 6 Paddock families attend the State reflections reception at State Convention this past weekend on Sunday. Thank you.

**Old Business:** (Gina Brinckerhoff)

We are still trying to fill positions for next year. If you know anyone interested, please contact Gina.

The next General Membership meeting will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting, we will vote to elect the new PTA Board for 2010-2011 and vote on programs introduced for 2010-2011.

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**New Business:** (Gina Brinckerhoff)

Nominating Committee Report-we are unable to vote because we did not have 10 people in attendance.

Discussion of 2010-2011 programs-any questions? They will be voted on during the May 5th General Membership meeting.

Plans of Work, Budget requests, and End of Year reports are due to Jen or Gina by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Budget Committee members will consist of the incoming/outgoing President(s), incoming/outgoing Ways and Means, incoming/outgoing Treasurer, Principal Herrmann, and 1 at large member is needed. The meeting will take place in July AFTER the Audit committee meeting. The date is TBD. Julie Vander Ark volunteered.

The Audit Committee members will consist of 3 PTA members plus an alternate, if needed. The Presidents and Treasurer cannot serve, as well as anyone who can sign PTA checks. The July meeting date is TBD.

**Committee Reports**

Fun Fair-The fun fair will be working with Culver's for food options, including healthy ones. It is a rain or shine event with all of the same activities.

Spring Book Fair-The dates are April 29-May 5th. Volunteers will be needed for Wednesday set up, Thursday, Friday (am and pm), Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (am and pm).

Art Stamps Fundraiser- These are due back by April 1st.

The Panther Press deadline is this Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be timely and have all submissions in on time. Any events occurring in April should be included.

**Upcoming Events:**

SPARK BINGO Event-Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Book Fair-April 28<sup>th</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup>

Open House-May 5<sup>th</sup>

Teacher Appreciation Week-May 3<sup>rd</sup>-May 7<sup>th</sup>

General Membership Meeting-May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm

Kindergarten Orientation-May 6<sup>th</sup>

Fun Fair-Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm.

**Adjournment**

With formal business concluded, Gina Brinckerhoff adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

**Approved:**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Jenn Hurwitz,  
Recording Secretary