

STUART R. PADDOCK PTA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING
February 19, 2009

Date and Place

The meeting was held in the Paddock Resource Center on February 19, 2009. PTA President Jen DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Minutes (Susanne Glazbrook)

Minutes from the November 20, 2008 were presented and approved, as read. Linda Steck motioned for approval, Jenn Hurwitz seconded the motion. January 22, 2009 meeting minutes were presented and approved, as read. Linda Steck motioned for approval; Teja Kics seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report (Linda Steck)

The Treasurer's report dated "February 19, 2009" was presented. The report will be filed for audit.

Correspondence

We received thank you notes from teachers for Christmas gifts.

Principal's Report (Guy Herrmann)

- Paddock students did an outstanding job at the IL Grade School Music Concert – 21 individual award winners, 2nd behind Marion Jordan.
- Staff has been discussing budget as the District 15 Board wants initial figures. Funding will be \$59.50 per students, identical for the past 3 years. In 2002-03, funding was \$70 per student, then \$72.50 the next year but schools had to pay for their own software. Our budget does not pay for lights, water, garbage disposal; it's simply for materials we use during the school year and any additional equipment. Every classroom in the district has a requirement standard issue. Anything else (i.e. file drawers) must come from the school budget. Now, the building is expected to spend every dollar (we are no longer allowed to carryover any money into the next year); any leftover goes into the general education fund. We set money aside for annual subscriptions to web based sites. We don't want to ask for too much based on the current economy. \$12,200 budget for supplies, over half of that was just for duplication paper. We're trying to figure out ways to reduce that expense by using Reprographics, ideally on a grade level basis. We are looking at making recommendations about what types of things we need and don't need. Our budget is due by March 20th; we have to have all purchases in by that time. The District standardized the school supply list, so it should be the same across all schools.
- Sectioning. For 2009-10, perhaps 3 kindergartens, but we won't know better until April open registration (which is for all grades K and 1-6) and still the numbers aren't final until right before school starts. Economy is starting to have an effect – families where people are laid off, are moving away; people are moving into apartments (Village Green on Quentin Road). Right now, here are the anticipated classes:
 - 3 sections of 1st grade
 - 4 sections of 2nd grade
 - 3 sections of 3rd grade
 - 4 sections of 4th grade
 - 5 sections of 5th grade, 25 kids per section
 - 3 sections of 6th grade

District knows 2nd, 3, 4, 6th grades will be a little bigger next year.

But it's all fluid until August.

Bilingual – 4 sections currently, possibly 5th.

Legislation Report (Terri Norris)

- Candidate forum on March 18th at Sundling Junior High. Many of the candidates do have websites, go through www.fcwpta.org/election
- District 15 provides an e-newsletter ; sign up on their website.
- The School Board meeting on Feb. 25th will include discussion on class size. State of IL sent out projected anticipated gains in Federal dollars (US Department of Education).

BOE Meeting Update (Vicki Wilson)

No report.

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NWSC News: (Jen DeFranco)

- NWSC GM meeting – Monday, February 23rd (Reflections Showcase). We do need 4 delegates.
- The registration deadline for the PTA State Convention is tomorrow. Currently attending: Jen DeFranco, Gina Brinkerhoff, Aimee Jordan, Darcy Killigrew. The Convention is March 13-15 in Naperville.

Old/New Business: (Jen DeFranco)

- Nominating Committee is meeting tonight to slate officers for next year – we have someone for every position.
- We are still trying to fill the following positions: Cultural Awareness, Membership, Environmental Ed, Generations Day, Health/Safety Awareness, Wellness/Fitness Awareness, Holiday Arts & Crafts Co-chair, Resource Center Coordinator, School Carnival Chair, Reflections Co-Chair, Book Fair Co-Chair – if you know anyone interested or someone who would fit one of these roles well, please let us know.

New Business: (Jen DeFranco)

- Next movie night is Friday, March 6th at 6 pm in the gym – Madagascar 2

Committee Reports

- Reflections: Showcase is Monday night.
- Health and Wellness: Family Health Fair was a huge success with over 200 families attending.
- Panther Press Update: the next issue will be posted online on Friday, Feb 20th.
- Programs: Earth Balloon is coming next week.
- SPARK Meeting: Upcoming presentation about IEP's will be at 7 pm on February 23 at Sundling Jr. High.
- Sundling Jr. High is presenting "Now We're Talking", a presentation for giving parents tools to help coach adolescents toward healthy sexuality and relationships, on Thursday March 5th.
- Yearbook: School Club pictures are Monday, Feb 23. We need a couple of volunteers to help with student control from 8-11am at school.
- 4th Grade Book Club is going well.
- Kindergym ends in March.
- Teacher Appreciation week will be held during the end of April.

Adjournment

With formal business concluded, Jen DeFranco adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Approved:

_____ Date

_____ Susanne Glazbrook,
Recording Secretary