

**STUART R. PADDOCK PTA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2009**

Date and Place

The meeting was held in the Paddock Resource Center on January 22, 2009. PTA President Jen DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report (Linda Steck)

The Treasurer's reports dated "Nov 16 – Dec 16" and "Dec 17-Jan 22" were presented. The question was asked regarding how we're doing. Linda Steck replied that we are doing okay and that there are some committees that still have budgets remaining. No other questions. The reports will be filed for audit.

Correspondence (Jenny Kendall)

Jenny Kendall passed thank you notes around from teachers for the holiday gifts.

Principal's Report

- Mr. Herrmann passed on a thank you from the Palatine Police Department for our participation in the Toys for Tots program this past holiday season.
- The rescheduled Winter Concert was great! The kids did an excellent job.
- Mr. Herrmann asked if everyone received their call that school was cancelled on the cold weather days. He said that only a handful of students showed up on both days because their parents were not aware that school was cancelled. As 12-month employees, both he and Ms. Byrne are at school on days when school is cancelled.
- At the last Board Meeting, the go ahead was given to ask for bids to replace Paddock's roof as well as the "chiller system." Bids should be received within 60-90 days. The jobs would ideally take place over the summer.
- Staff will review results from the most recent MAP tests in the coming weeks. Based on individual results, students may be targeted for intervention on certain subjects.
- Thanks to increased grant money, we'll be adding a second reading teacher to the Paddock staff. The District is currently interviewing candidates.
- Mr. Herrmann is on a Leadership committee to help prepare the District for the future. We'll start seeing more communication at Board of Education meetings regarding preparing for the future. The first topics to be discussed include full day Kindergarten and pre-school. This is for discussion purposes only. What would those programs look like? How many classrooms would be required? Future topics may also include changing our middle schools to accommodate grade six, in addition to seven and eight. Lastly, what does the classroom of the future look like?
- Gina Streepy asked about the email petition circulating regarding changing the lunch hours to 30 minutes in length. Mr. Herrmann will address any and all questions after the meeting, as this suggested change is not a PTA initiative. Mr. Herrmann did share his disappointment that no one brought the issue to his attention prior to the petition being rolled out.
- All programs that will bring funds directly to the school must now be pre-approved by the Board before any contracts are signed or funds received. (Excludes PTA programs and Educational Foundation)

Minutes (Jen DeFranco)

Minutes from the November 20, 2008 meeting were presented and approved, as read. Jenny Kendall motioned for approval; Lori Ozgen seconded the motion.

Legislation Report (Terri Norris)

No report

BOE Meeting Update (Vicki Wilson)

- As Mr. Herrmann shared, bids will go out to replace Paddock's roof. (See the Principal's report for more information)
- District 15 is adding more buses to the fleet.
- Winston Campus Elementary is now part of No Excuses University.
- The District is sponsoring to additional family days at CoCo Keys Water Resort in Arlington Heights. The additional times and dates will be from noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday, **March 8**, and Sunday, **May 31**. Reserved wristbands are \$18 per person. (The regular day pass rate is \$39.) Reservations are required. See the District 15 website for more information.

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NWSC News: (Jen DeFranco)

- Four delegates and an alternate from Paddock PTA are needed for the NWSC GM meeting on February 23, 2009. The Reflections Showcase will take place at this meeting. Five entries from Paddock will go on to State this year. Paddock attendees/delegates include: Gina Streepy, Vicki Wilson, Jill Meier and a representative of the Zhou family.

Old/New Business:

- Nominating Committee General Members were elected at GM meeting on Nov 15. They include, Nancy Trenkle, Cheree Joerger and alternate, Pam Jackson. Forms regarding Board members' intentions for next year were given out tonight and will be distributed to others this month.

Committee Reports

- Health and Wellness – The Family Health Fair is set for February 6, 2009 from 6 to 8 PM.
 - Event promotion has started on the morning announcements as well as with posters displayed in the hallways.
 - There are MANY booths/stations to educate students (and parents) on health and wellness. Whole Foods, JFK Healthworld, Buehler YMCA, and Northwest Community Hospital are just some of the sponsors for different activities.
 - The classroom that has the most students attend the event will receive a lunch catered by Whole Foods.
 - There will also be raffle prizes as well, including a prize to have lunch with Mr. Herrmann (also catered by Whole Foods).
 - Families will receive a goody bag as a thank you for attending.
 - An estimated 50 volunteers are needed to successfully run this event. About 20 are secured at this time. PLEASE contact Gina Streepy if you can help.
- Panther Press – The edition will be electronic this month. Unless you returned a form saying that you want a paper version sent home with your child, you will not receive a paper copy. (A handful of families returned forms.) A flyer will be distributed informing families that it is now totally electronic. At this time, no deadline has been posted for submissions to the February edition.
- Environmental Education - An additional recycling bin has been placed by the teachers' mailboxes.
- Book Club – We have made a departure from the Junior Great Books Program offered in the past, Book Club will initially be offered to fourth graders this year and will take place Fridays during lunch in the Resource Center. The first book will be "Ink Heart." PTA will provide books for students that do not have the book. If there isn't a lot of interest/participation from the 4th graders, it will be opened up to fifth and/or sixth graders.
- Box Tops – Based on last year's earnings, Box Tops set our goal for this year at 1,085. Due to wonderful participation by teachers and families, we are at 171% of goal! This total is not yet reflected online as Box Tops tracks about 90 days behind. Keep sending them in!

Adjournment

With formal business concluded, Jen DeFranco adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM.

Approved:

_____ Date

_____ Suzanne Dowd,
Substitute Recording Secretary for
Susanne Glazbrook