

North Springs PTO Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2008

Attendees:

**Sandy Alfred
Denise Barth
Angela Cox
Jennifer Goodman**

**Geri McLeod-Williams
Barb Piper
Norah Reilly
Cathy Scott
Nancy Shipman**

**Veleria Sweatman
Laura Turnmire
Deborah Whitlow**

The North Springs PTO Board met at 3:30 p.m. on February 19, 2008 in the Science room at North Springs Elementary School. Cathy Scott, President, welcomed the members to the meeting. The minutes were then approved as written.

Barb Piper presented the Treasurer's report. Mrs. Piper reported a few disbursements of funds including "I Love Science Day." After a discussion and explanation of the current budget, the members unanimously voted to approve the budget.

Next, Sandy Alfred and Laura Turnmire discussed Cricket Day plans. Mrs. Alfred reported that Bruster's and Beef O'Brady's have both been confirmed to provide refreshments. Inflatables have been rented, and games have been purchased. Chrysler has been confirmed, and Mrs. Alfred will reaffirm the details concerning the challenge contest. Security still needs to be arranged. Details are being worked out to include face painting. They (the organizers) will begin looking for donations or special deals on sodas/drinks for Cricket Day.

The Homeroom Parent and Silent Auction Committee meetings have been held. Donations for the Silent Auction are beginning to arrive.

Jennifer Goodman reported that the Helen Grace – Cookie Dough fundraiser began today. Orders will be due on March 4 and available for pick up on April 10. Volunteers are needed to tally orders on March 4. Orders must be received by Melanie (with Helen Grace) by March 10.

Mrs. Goodman also discussed the Fall School Supply Fundraiser that had previously been brought up in an e-mail last month. The attending PTO board members discussed the issue, and they decided against attempting the fundraiser this year.

PTO nominations will be accepted throughout the month. Nancy Shipman has followed up with parents who have shown interest. A discussion concerning open positions was held, allowing for Mrs. Shipman and Mrs. Scott to discuss the open opportunities with nominees.

Members agreed to hold off final discussion of the Father/Daughter Dance until next meeting. (At the January meeting, Greg Martin of Dance Time Events made a presentation for a prospective Father/Daughter Dance fundraiser.) Several schools may be hosting dances this month, and Miss Eberlin and Mrs. Goodman will talk with the school representatives in order to get recommendations from them.

The next General PTO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6. All PTO board members without first grade students are asked to volunteer.

Also, the inventory of disposable cups is down to only 600 units. With several events coming up in the near future, specifically the First Grade PTO performance and “Pastries for Parents”, the supply will be depleted quickly. A request was made that the hospitality committee ask area businesses for cup donations.

Mrs. Barth then presented school news. The 25th Anniversary Celebration for North Springs Elementary will be held at 3 p.m. on February 24. There has recently been an article in the newspaper (The State) featuring the school. School Choice for NSES is now closed, and we will soon have a list of children who have been selected to enroll into North Springs through Choice. The QUEST meeting has been held for parents. Also, the school district has provided funds to help create curriculum.

Next, parent issues were discussed. One suggestion was made that the cafeteria offer oranges in quarters or slices instead of halves, so that children may more easily eat them without creating as much waste. Also, there was a discussion regarding book fair(s) and whether there was a need to continue hosting two each year. Miss Eberlin offered to poll other area schools in order to find out how they approach book fairs.

The last day for teachers to send supply orders to Mrs. Culp is March 31. That date will also coincide with any/all PTO requests for this school year.

Mrs. Scott reminded members to review the “dates to remember” on their agendas, adding the PTO General Meeting on March 6. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. The next PTO board meeting will be held on March 18.

Angela Cox
Recording Secretary