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Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff

Minutes April 17, 2012

Fifth meeting of the 2011 – 2012 School year.

Past events:

Testing Week snacks:

Fruit/snacks for testing week. As request came during time in between meetings, a vote was taken via the email system. Apples, bananas and granola were distributed during the first week at a cost of $150. Second week is expected to costs much less.

Smart Snacks:

Chaired by Nancy Redmore

Request by Nancy (through email to co-presidents) to provide a “thank you” gift for the kitchen staff for all their help and cooperation throughout the school year.

It was suggested and approved that we include them as recipients of the snack bags as well as provide them with a light breakfast on the day of the “Teacher’s luncheon.”

Treasurers Report:

Presented by Christine Foti-Cromley

$19,920.00 is in our account.

There was a request for totals on 100 day and candle sale expenses.

100 day expenses $250

Candle sale expenses $134.78

Jump Rope for heart:

Some members expressed concerns that by providing prizes for the events, we are sending the wrong message. The funds for the prizes had already been approved for this year’s event, so no changes were made for this year. We will re-address this issue for the next event (in 2 years.)

Family Fun Night(s):

Coordinator: Erin Vernoche

First event was a success. 30 – 40 kids attended.

April 27th for 4th 5th and 6th Event is a “Movie night.” Plan to show “Despicable Me” PG

(Popcorn previously won from Box Tops will be served along with other snacks and Capri Sun.)

Tax Exempt status:

Joe Callahan has recommended that we act on pursuing tax exempt status ASAP and is suggesting we make a decision by the end of our next meeting.

Cost is $5K ($3K for IRS $2K to create the entity)

Become 501 c3

Would require fresh bi-laws

Mr. Bump will discuss with the school attorney.

Treasurer, Christine verified that our checking account is already set up for “not for profit.”

Book Fair:

Chaired by Christine Foti-Cromley

May 7-11 in room 136

This year, due to the fact that we are not a tax exempt organization, we will need to charge sales tax on every sale.

New this year, we will be able to utilize the “Online Book Fair” website. There are plans to have online access to this site during the fair, with a computer in the room for Grandparents’ Day.

We will be taking profits as a mix of Scholastic dollars and cash. This will allow us to give monies to the library to purchase the supplies and books needed.

Grandparents’ day:

Friday, May 11th

250 people are currently registered.

Requesting help after “Smart Snacks” to stuff envelopes

Favors-keychains

Request by Erin Oristian to put out “feedback cards” voted on and approved by majority vote.

Officer nominations:

President – Erin Vernoche

VP – None

Treasurer – Christine Foti-Cromley

Secretary – Erin Oristian

All nominations must be submitted by May 23. It was suggested and agreed that every candidate should provide a brief written description of themselves.

Teacher appreciation Luncheon:

June 19th – ½ day

Cater Desert

Parents provide Salads

Looking into catering by O’Neils

Volunteer of the year:

Traditionally in years past, was a collective vote by officers.

Last year, decided by co-presidents.

Will be decided solely by the co-presidents this year.

Will reexamine practice after new officers are in office.

Requests for funding:

6th Grade: $365 for T-shirts for class trip to Seabreeze

Approved by majority vote

Beverly Oliver/LASP: $300 for bookcase and “Security Cube”

Approved by majority vote with condition that items will be school property, in order to comply with by-laws. Requested items may not be provided, but close items as available through Scholastic.

After Prom party: $50

Approved by majority vote

Administrative report:

Odyssey of the mind in Binghamton March 10th and March 17th.

Attended by Erin V., Nancy R., Christina S., Adrian S. and Greg Bump.

Will need parent volunteers

Currently looking for advisors

Will have an information night with more.

Try-outs October/November – competition in March

Any and every student up to 5th grade can participate