G.A.P.S.

Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff

Minutes October 1, 2012

Second meeting of the 2012 – 2013 School year.

WELCOME:

Called to order at 6:30 PM

Welcome from President; Erin Virnoche

Smart Snacks:

Nancy Redmore unable to attend this meeting.

Update provided by Erin Oristian.

 Deer Run and McClusky orchards both reported 100% loss from April frost damage.

 We do not expect any donations from local orchards (or discounts) due to frost loss.

 We are trying to save money by getting foods that may require more prep work.

 Volunteers welcome to come every week or any week.

 Health codes require that volunteers wear hats or hairnets and tie back long hair.

Treasurer’s report:

Christine Foti-Cromley

Current bank balance:

$12,777.66

We are starting to purchase the folders approved for Kindergarten classes.

Administration Report:

Greg Bump

Odyssey of the Mind:

 Long term problem Synopses passed out for reference (posted to GAPS website as well)

 3 people have stepped forward offering assistance and/or places as advisors.

 Presentations were made to 4th, 5th and 6th grades on Curriculum night.

 We will start with 4th & 5th grades then expand to 6th.

 Competition is in March

Fall Fundraiser:

Pocono Candle: Voted to discontinue this fundraiser at the September meeting.

 Dining Cards: Presented by Robin O’Kane

40% - 50% profit. Cost to consumer is $20 per deck.

 (Voted in by majority decision.)

 Equal Exchange: Presented by Lisa Lamson

Organic/Fair Trade/Not for profit

 Average 40% profit

 Free shipping after minimum order (aprox $125)

 10 day turnaround

 Variety of items including hot chocolate, coffee, tea, chocolate bars and wrapping paper

 <http://www.equalexchange.coop/equal-exchange-fundraising>

 (Voted in by majority decision.)

 Premier Designs: Presented by Stacy Peios

 40% - 50% profit

 Cafeteria “Home show” with fashion show and jewelry displays

(mystery hostes gets prize of free jewelry.)

 $25 would go to GAPS for every home show booked from event.

 Green Thumb Markets: Flier sent in by David Maines

Fall - mums, Spring - hanging baskets

Donation Requests (and Voting):

 Susan Bang (on behalf of teachers)

 Two Jeopardy games (classroom version) $96 each

 For use by entire school

 (Approved by majority vote)

 Mary Ellen Long (Kindergarten)

 Rug $435.75

 To replace rug that was damaged over the weekend by toilet flood.

 To be purchased with Scholastic $$$

 (Approved by majority vote)

 Clarification on amount approved for teacher reimbursement.

 $25, $30 or $50

 ($30 Approved by majority vote)

Upcoming events:

 Apple Festival-October 6 & 7 (Volunteers needed to work 2 hour shifts at apple and cider booth)

Roller skating parties - October 22 & 23 (Chaperones needed)

 Optimist Halloween Party - October 26 (Volunteers needed to work games from 6:30-8pm)

Meeting adjourned:

7:30 PM