G.A.P.S.

Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff

Minutes Monday, November 5, 2012

Third meeting of the 2012 – 2013 School year.

Welcome

Meeting Commenced @ 6:30 with call to order by Erin Virnoche

Update October Events:

Applefest: We have not received the totals from the Applefest committee as of yet.

Optimist Halloween Party: Several people who signed up via volunteer sheet did not respond to emails or show up for the games. It was suggested that next year, we have sign-ups for slots similar to Applefest.

Roller-skating parties: Several issues regarding safety, volunteers and disruption of common core curriculum were brought up. There was a suggestion that we move the event to an evening activity. This will be readdressed early next school year. We made a profit of $40.

A “Thank You” letter for the replacement rug, from (and signed by) Mrs. Long’s kindergarten was passed around.

Fall Fundraiser update:

Lisa Lamson: Chair/Equal Exchange

Robin O’Kane: Chair/City Dining Cards (Update provided by Kerry Evans as Robin was unable to attend.)

Fundraiser is due back November 13th.

It was brought up that Green Hills Market sells Equal Exchange tea and coffee at a price very close to our fundraiser (allowing people to “try before they buy.”)

It was asked if G.A.P.S. would be doing any relief project for Hurricane Sandy victims. Lisa Lamson will research how we can send specific donations to a school on Long Island, as she has family on the staff.

It was agreed that a “school to school” donation would be best.

Fresh Fruit Update:

Nancy Redmore: Chair

Current budget is $100 per week or roughly $.25 per student.

Ideas and donations are being accepted.

We are currently within budget.

Update on Boxtops and Pouches:

Currently we have $350.00 or 35,000 points with the pouch/Terracycle recycling program.

Redemption options include:

 Cash

 Providing children in Africa with fresh water

 Providing children in the US with meals

At this time, we will be taking the cash option and using it for “Sandy Relief.”

For the future; the common consensus was for the third option, but more research is needed. Carolyn Bice will contact Tess Miller for the log in and password to the website, allowing us to check our points balance and confirm how many of any option we would be able to provide.

Treasurer’s Report:

Christine Foti –Cromley: Treasurer

We currently have $11,000 in our account

Administrative Report:

Greg Bump: Principal

Mr. Bump was unable to attend this meeting due to a Principals’ conference.

Voting:

Susan Bang/Library - $300 Penguin book sale

 (Approved by majority vote.)

2nd grade - $15 for Polar Express soundtrack for Play

 (Approved by majority vote.)

Kindergarten team - $409.98 for new camera

 (Approved by majority vote, but not to exceed $200.00.)

Upcoming Events:

There was a request by some teachers asking to establish a cache of “extra” Halloween costumes for students that are unable to afford ones.

People are being asked to bring unneeded, gently used costumes to the office for “Repurposing.”

It will be posted on G.A.P.S. website.

Closing

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