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Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff

Minutes Monday, March 11, 2013

Sixth meeting of the 2012 – 2013 School year.

Welcome:

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

Announcements:

Thank you letter from TJ Bice and Winterfest committee sent around.

Box Tops Update:

$475 deposited in the November

$740 collected in March

Odyssey of the Mind update:

Christina Shute:

16 students

3 teams

 Team 1 problem - 2 different characters with “odd” behavior

 Team 2 problem – Physical presentation of how an email goes through

 Team 3 problem – Balsa structure that needed to hold a certain amount of weight.

 (Team 3 came in 3rd place)

Each team had to do a spontaneous problem, the results of which won’t be available until June.

Performed in front of 5 judges

Gertrude Hawk and Parade of Baskets:

Melissa Abend - Gertrude Hawk Chair

$5,000 profit

Parade of Baskets

Donating Diary of a Wimpy Kid book set, BluRay set and gift certificate to our book fair.

Treasurer’s Report:

Christine Foti-Cromley: Treasurer

Before paying Gertrude Hawk, excluding money budgeted for sign and including funds budgeted already; there is $4,500 in the account.

So far this year we have brought in $7,000 and spent $5,000

Upcoming events – Grandparent’s Day:

Last year spent:

 Goodies/souvenirs $200

 Photos $100 (Previously donated by O’Kane family

 Paying for unplanned lunches $250

Supplies and rentals $500

Voting:

Grandparent’s Day

Pay for photos only (6 votes)

Pay for Photos plus new gifts (5 votes)

After-Prom party $50 (approved by verbal vote)

Administrative Report:

Greg Bump: Principal

Sue Bang : Library Media specialist:

 With the partnership of Matt Priest, applied for and won $1,200 grant through OCM Boces

 Weather system is mounted on roof above library

 Came with system, software and green screen kit

 Anyone in the world can access the current weather at Grimshaw by clicking on the link on the

 Main school page or on link through the library page

 Primarily 6th grade will be using it to study weather and make weather reports, but every grade

 May use it for graphing and several other applications.

Guest:

Stacy McNeill BOCES School policy coordinator – Public has until April 9th to comment on new legislation that will limit “competitive foods” in schools, up to and possibly including classroom celebrations and fundraisers. This is the first time in 30 years that legislation regarding food in schools is being rewritten. Competitive food is defined as food that is sold in competition to government funded breakfast and lunch.

Proposed: all sugar sweetened beverages be removed at elementary school level. Fewer than 10% of calories from sugars.

There is an “a la cart loophole” if an item is on the menu, it can also be sold as a la cart.

Any competing vending machine currently must be turned off before the school day starts until after last lunch. New rules would have machines turned off from Midnight until 3pm.

**Officers for 2012-2013 School Year**

President – Erin Virnoche

Vice President – Christina Shute

Treasurer – Christine Foti-Cromley

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