

ANNIE E VINTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2015 @ 7pm

Board Members Present: Allison Altieri, Lisa Drzewiecki, Shannon Sion and Stacy Geist

Staff Members Present: Dr. James Palmer, Principal and Deb Drew, Staff Liaison

Others Present: Madison Day, June Burns-Seeley and Amy Lapsis

CALL TO ORDER

Allison Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES

Motion:

Lisa Drzewiecki moves to approve the March 10, 2015 minutes. Stacy Geist seconds and the motion passes unanimously.

REPORTS

- PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – DR. PALMER

Dr. Palmer provided the following report:

- K Registration went well and Parent meeting will occur on April 30th at 7pm
- Superintendent search in underway with two parent meetings scheduled for April 27 and 29; noted the email from Dr. Kisiel (Interim Superintendent), with the dates and locations
- Invention Convention is scheduled for April 23rd
- Third and Fourth grade concert is April 29th
- Smarter Balance testing is the week of May 5th thru May 14th
- Kids marathon is May 30th hosted at EO Smith this year
- **Tentative** date for 4th Grade promotion is June 16th

- STAFF REPORT – DEB DREW

Deb provided the following report:

- Will work with the teachers to find books that need replacing and if all funds cannot be used will give to Libby for use in the library
- Chris Toomey and Martha Davis are both willing to help out with NO-Screen week on Monday during 'Storytime/Read-In'

- PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ALLISON ALTIERI

Allison provided the following report:

- Snacks are needed each day or every other day for SBAC testing week 5/5-5/14
- Asked about a session for parents that have questions about the SBAC testing; it was suggested that the link provided in Dr. Kisiel's email dated 4/7/15 be used if anyone has questions about the testing since it's a new test and there is not much known about it at this point in time
- Lots of activities coming up in the next few months:
 - Tri-School basketball event is back on, Tuesday April 21st revised flyer sent home already. Shannon to work on getting a banner printed up for our section, and Allison and/or Lisa to go to the Hoot to get us an Owl mascot
 - No-Screen week in conjunction with the Spring Book Fair, flyer going home shortly
 - Staff Appreciation week planning has begun
 - Ice Cream Social
 - Super Saturday is on, met with teacher rep's and divided up duties amongst them and the PTA
 - Next year PTA Officer elections to be held at the June PTA meeting which is tentatively scheduled for June 9th

- TREASURER'S REPORT AND FUNDRAISERS CHAIR REPORT

The following items were discussed:

- Yankee Candle fundraiser came in over budget, people still have an opportunity to order items up until the end of June and we would still get credit for those orders
- Box Tops – Shelly is planning to do two more submissions prior to end of June but we won't see those profits until the end of this calendar year
- ShopwithScripts.com program will be done again around Mother's Day. It was discussed also to think about doing this on a more frequent basis for next year but will have to plan out how we are going to manage it
- Thank you letters for direct donations were sent
- Price Chopper Tools for School program ended on 3/31/15. Our points earned can be used towards something in their catalog but Kelly will look into if we can roll them over or if we have to use them by a certain date
- Fall fundraiser (Cakes & Pies) if we are doing them again we need to get our dates in soon. Stacy will forward information to Kelly to pursue. Event was very successful this year because we got the flyers out to people earlier than years past

- COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spring Book Fair – Lisa reported that the volunteers are needed, will consult the sign-up sheets from open house and reach out if she needs further assistance to various PTA members.

4th Grade Promotion – Lisa & Stacy reported that things are coming along, just need to finalize the date. Baby pictures are flowing in, T-shirts will be ordered soon and she needs a baby picture from Dr. Palmer to add to the slide show.

NO Screen Week – Events, along with the Spring Book Fair, are as follows:

Monday 4/27 6:30-7:30pm – Storytime/Read-in (readers are Chris Toomey and Martha Davis)

Tuesday 4/28 6:30-7:30pm – Craft/Kickball Night (Stacy Geist is hosting crafts and Adam Ramsdell & Christopher Lapsis are hosting kickball)

Wednesday 4/29 3rd and 4th Grade play (no other activities are scheduled during this time)

Thursday 4/30 K Parents night (no other activities are scheduled during this time)

Friday 5/1 6:30-7:30 – Bingo Night & Sports Swap (Beth Russell is hosting Bingo and any parent is welcome to come at 6 to start setting up for the sports swap; contact Allison Altieri for more information)

Book fair will be broken down Friday evening after all events are over and will be picked up on Monday May 4th.

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK – flyers went home this week and menu planning has begun.

SUPER SATURDAY – still need volunteers to assist with the event, June to look into Fro-yo's as a possible item that can be at this event

ICE CREAM SOCIAL – still scheduled for May 28th

NEW BUSINESS

Kids sharing musical instruments; the sanity factor is a concern since the instruments are being shared and a child does not have their own that they can bring back and forth to school. Dr. Palmer will follow up and get more information for us.

Vinton Family Resources; it was suggested that we somehow reach out to our own Vinton families with businesses first when we do events that they might be able to contribute to, not for a discount but so that they get first dibs on items that we might be selling, making, using for a fun activity. Give them the chance to get our business and anyone else that might not know that we have this local connection that they too could use.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
June Burns-Seeley

On behalf of Jillene B. Woodmansee
Secretary, Vinton PTA