

February 9, 2016 @ 7pm

Board Members Present: Amy Lapsis, Madison Day, Sonya Conrad, Shannon Sion and June Burns-Seeley

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

Others Present: Cristina Colon-Semenza, Jennifer Logsdon, Stacy Boothroyd, Valerie Moseley, Dori Ramsdell, Jillene Woodmansee, Cathy May, Jen Caneira

CALL TO ORDER

Madison Day called the meeting to order at 7:16pm

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF January MINUTES

Motion:

Dori Ramsdell moves to approve the January 12, 2016 minutes. Jillene Woodmansee seconds and the motion passed unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Palmer provided the following report:

- 2/11 PTA Assembly – UConn Opera outreach
- 2/12 4th grade ice skating – 36th year of this tradition (Bolton ice rink)
- 2/13 PTA Sponsored event – UConn Hockey
- 2/15 – 2/16 No School
- 2/18 – 1st and 2nd grade Music concert (snow day 2/19)
- 2/22 – 2/26 Jump Rope for Heart
- Garden club starting soon. Mention of getting the snow away from the door so that the greenhouse could be accessed. Jim will look into making that happen.

STAFF REPORT

Deb Drew provided the following report:

- 2/12 - 3rd grade biography presentations
- 4th grade grumbling a little bit since they didn't get to do it last year and missed out on the wax museum too

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Madison Day & Amy Lapsis provided the following report:

- Harlem Wizards – \$2,400.00 profit per school, possibly doing it again in two years at a bigger venue
- Lots of spring activities coming up

- Super Saturday volunteers needed
- 4th Grade promotion assistance
- Book Fair week will include 'Family Fun Activities' – week of 4/11 – 4/15. Possible Zumba night, kick ball, Bingo night, Echo Uganda (drum event), clown, karaoke night
- BOE meeting is 4/14

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shannon Sion provided the following report:

- Spirit wear – haven't sold what we bought yet, or even tried, will do so with the upcoming spring events
- Direct Donations are lower this year but we haven't promoted it, Kelly to send something home March/April/May time frame
- What are we spending the excess money that we have on? Some ideas have been:
 - spruce up the staff lounge (paint and furniture)
 - garden help
 - more shade for playground
 - half price tickets for Super Saturday or more fun stuff at that event
 - more elaborate events for enrichment

FUNDRAISERS CHAIR REPORT

Kelly Robidas provided the following report:

- Looking into a free family event; movie night, Quester's Way...more to come

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

Val mentioned that the 2nd grade parents have been in discussions related to class size and met with Dr. Palmer, and want to support the teachers this year and next. Next steps to meet with the Superintendent, current class size is about 23 per class, 46 total students

Cristina mentioned a concern that she & other parents had related to the lunch room and recess culture. Dr. Palmer will investigate further and get back to the concerned parents

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, @ 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June M. Burns-Seeley
Secretary, Vinton PTA