

FOX MILL ELEMENTARY PTA MINUTES

January 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes from the 12/6 meeting were approved with the comment noted and acknowledged to correct the spelling of Happi coats in reference to the Japanese Cultural Committees future purchases. Jennifer Bower moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded by Amanda Owens.

Acknowledgements: Many thanks to the following persons for their volunteer efforts:

- Marc Rigas for Dining with Dollars
- Tracey Spencer for Box Tops which raised over \$1,100 this fall

Dates to Remember: also refer to www.foxmillpta.com

- 1/6 – Father Daughter Dance
- 1/12 – Dining for Dollar's at Lucia's
- 2/7 – PTA Meeting

Announcements: The PTA is still looking for volunteers to help with the Chess Team as a co-chair.

Principal's remarks: Mrs. Sheehy noted that it was good to see everyone back after the winter break. She thanked the volunteers responsible the great student assembly in December. It was noted that there is still an outstanding gift certificate from the Mad Science sponsors that can be put towards another possible assembly.

Mr. Moose noted that the sixth grade advanced mathematics group would be taking the IOWA aptitude test on 1/18. Parents of first graders and second graders should soon be receiving the results of the Naglieri and Cogat tests soon. Marion LaRow commented that it would be nice if there were more readily available information on the AAP process, but Mrs. Sheehy commented that that was a process handled by the county and not the school. Amanda Owens asked about the possibility of seeing a Level IV AAP center at Fox Mill. Mrs. Sheehy acknowledged that this is something that has been considered but that there are no immediate plans for that at Fox Mill.

Teachers' Remarks: Michelle Bekenstein thanked the parents for all the volunteer help that they have provided to the teachers during the school year so far.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Louise Rognlie reported that the PTA has provided the proffered funds for the First Grade field trip and has sponsored the Odyssey of the Mind program again.

Committee Reports: Gina Farra approached the PTA looking for support to bring back the FLEX language programs to Fox Mill. She proposed to begin the program with Spanish instruction if a teacher could be found. It was suggested that if a teacher was found that a FLEX class be offered on Friday afternoon after school.

Mad Science will return as an afterschool program for 2 sessions in the cafeteria and 1 on the stage on Tuesdays after school.

Jennifer Bower noted that the after-school yoga program may have to be canceled if not enough people enroll. Amanda Owens noted that the before-school program of Overtime Athletics is also looking for more children to participate.

Marion LaRow reported for Patty Farrell that Innisbrook would be returning to help provide school supplies/boxes for students for the 2012-2013 school -year.

It was noted that Family Fun Night would be returning to Fox Mill but would be greatly restructured and changed to have even greater appeal to all. Tina Anderson could use any helping hands with this endeavor.

New Business: Jennifer Bower that the PTA used the earned Bloom points to purchase a number of new balls as well as a new air pump for the PE department for all the classes to use for PE or during recess.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7th in the Library. A representative from the county will be the speaker at this meeting to speak about the county's new math curriculum.