

A. G. Richardson Meeting Minutes
December 2006

Meeting Date: December 14, 2006

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM; school library

Attendees: Kathy Kidwell; Nancy Sink; Lisa Lindsay; Susie Mountcastle; Lisa Clubb; Maria Frank; Sue Bridges; Jack Glick; Denise Head; Amy Deal

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Jack Glick, AGR's ITRT (Internet Technology Resource Teacher) was the guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Glick presented information on how the ITRTs play a key role on integrating technology into a classroom setting. Some classroom teachers are using the Interwrite Tablet to present lessons to their students. These tablets allow the teachers to teach from anywhere in the room while providing students with a visual presentation. Used in conjunction with a multimedia projector, the teachers can present information from videos, pod casts and create PowerPoint presentations. Some grades are completing video book reviews. The children can elect to submit a review of a book they have read. The children are then video taped in front of a green screen. From there, they decide on a background and this is added to their tape. These reviews will hopefully be added to the server for all to view and the children are given a CD containing the finished video. First grade was able to watch a variety of videos that corresponded with their Christmas Around the World program. Currently, Mrs. Rose's fourth grade class is creating a film for the Public TV Film Festival. The students are responsible for creating the script and filming the program. Some online resources available for parents include links on the Portaportal and Moodle homepages. These can be accessed from the AGR homepage. The school will also be getting a Student Response System. This is a remote system that will allow the children to answer multiple choice questions using a small remote. Mr. Glick would also like to set up an Internet Safety Night to help educate parents on basic internet knowledge.

The minutes were read and approved as written.

Treasurer's Report:

There is a total of \$28,382.42 in all of the accounts. The magnet fundraiser made \$2,200 in profits. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go into the playground fund. The profits from the book fair were shared with all grade levels and special education. Mr. Matz purchased a cash register for the PTO. The Santa Breakfast was a wash. The Bulldog Bazaar earned \$800. The fall fundraiser we earned about \$9,000. The expenses for the prizes and additional activities caused us to have a lower profit. Lisa was going to double check with Chairity on the prize expenses. Corporate

fundraising earned \$227. The money listed in the Target line item needs to be split as \$100 was from Food Lion.

The budget was submitted for audit.

Administrative Report:

There was a change in the calendar. Read Across America will now be done during the week and during the school hours. This will involve all students. We received a playground equipment catalog from the rep. The county is to put money in to help cover ground cover and a ramp. We might be okay if we raised about \$20,000 because of a variety of grant programs that are available. We will be working with John Berrett.

New Business:

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Blood Drive on January 27th from 10 am – 2 pm in the school gym. Annette asked the PTO to donate for an ice cream party for the class with the highest parental participation. This was approved. Volunteers are needed to help donate snacks and to help with the blood drive.

Old Business:

Variety Show: A tentative date for the Variety Show is January 19th.

Memorial Garden: There were discussions on the garden. Sue asked that the PTO coordinate with the grounds committee (Christy Park) on the design and location of the garden.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM
Next Meeting is January 11, 2007