

AG Richardson PTO Minutes

Board Meeting

January 10, 2010

The board meeting was held on January 10, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Those in attendance were Janine Morrison, Sarah Richards, Jill Armm, and Lori Deane. Also in attendance were Sue Bridges, AGR Principal and Jane Hall, Assistant Principal.

Old Business:

Facebook: Janine Morrison reported that our page is up and running, and she and Jill Armm are the administrators. Lori Deane has Facebook in the PTO Press to be distributed next week, which will increase our exposure. Jill Armm will also post pictures once she confirms with Peggy Bailey that none of the children in the school beautification project photographs are not on the do not photograph/publish list. Jill Armm will also check to see if our Facebook page will link to our website. Susan Bridges confirmed that Facebook was blocked on the school's website so the PTO website could not link to Facebook.

Sweatshirt and Hat Sale: The board selected the sample that they preferred and decided on prices and colors. All items will be available by pre-orders only. The sweatshirts will be red, the hats are khaki, and the t-shirts will be gray or white. We will sell the hoodies for \$20.00, crew sweatshirts for \$15.00, and t-shirts and hats for \$10.00. The order forms will be distributed next week and there will be a turn-around time for delivery of approximately two weeks.

New Business:

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night: Our next spirit night is on January 21 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Janine Morrison and Jill Armm will be present at the event, and Lori Deane and Sarah Richards will try to attend. Janine Morrison will check to see if we are allowed to place a reminder at the drive-thru to remind families to tell their server that they are with AGR.

Teacher Goodies for January/February: Janine Morrison reported that her sister works for CamelBak and could provide us with AGR water bottles. We could use these items for the teacher appreciation week in May or for the Run 4 Fun in the spring. On January 26, we will provide muffins and coffee for the teachers. The PTO will supply the muffins, and Susan Bridges said that the school will provide the coffee. We would also like to provide fruit, and Janine Morrison will post that request to our families on Facebook and Lori Deane will send out a request via e-mail. On Valentine's Day, the board decided to treat the teacher's to a hot cocoa mix and Sarah Richards will cut out paper hearts, which will include a message of appreciation.

No Child Left Behind Meeting: Janine Morrison reported that she had received an e-mail from Michelle Decker, the President of the Pearle Sample PTO. They are hosting a forum on January 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at their school. There will be food, drinks, and door prizes and the discussion will be centered on improving the act and going to Congress in March. Janine Morrison will post the forum on Facebook once more information is available for Susan Bridges.

Parent's Night Out or Family Movie Night: The Board decided to host a family movie night on February 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This will be a free event, including popcorn, for our families. Susan Bridges will let the basketball league know that our school is not available for practice that evening.

Bowl-A-Thon: The playground committee has been working on this event, and Sharon Gregory has come up with the slogan of "Pins 4 Playground". They are currently working on forms and ideas, and Janine Morrison has been in touch with other individuals who have hosted such events. A date of

Sunday, March 7, 2010 (pending confirmation with the bowling alley) was selected and there will be three shifts from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. We will have five lanes, with 5 bowlers per lane. Our cost will be \$30.00 per lane, per hour. The shoe rentals that the students pay will be donated back to the PTO. There will be a \$20.00 minimum to bowl. Each bowler who raises between \$30.00-\$40.00 will receive ten (10) Duke's Dollar Raffle tickets, a water bottle for raising \$40.00-\$50.00, a stuffed bulldog for raising over \$50.00, and a sweatshirt for over \$100.00.

Wrestle Mania: Susan Bridges and Janine Morrison will meet with Roger Mello. The board acknowledged that such an event had the potential to earn several thousand dollars, but was also a huge undertaking. Susan Bridges will schedule the meeting.

Bail Out Mrs. Bridges: January 29, 2010 was selected as the tentative date for Mrs. Bridges to be arrested. There will be a warrant out for her arrest for giving too many hugs in the hallway. The announcements will begin on Monday to build up the anticipation, and the students will not know when Deputy Ana is going to arrest her. Susan Bridges will provide Jill Armm with a head shot photograph to use on wanted pictures, and Janine Morrison will use black crepe paper as jail cell bars. Mrs. Bridges will be in jail during lunch from 11:00-1:00 p.m. and Jane Hall will assist in collecting the money for each grade level. We will use large jars to collect the change. The children will be told that Susan Bridges must be bailed out in order to attend the Good Behavior Assembly and hand out Good Friday treats. Lori Deane will contact Vince Vala from the newspaper and search for a jail costume. The grade level that raises the most money will receive cupcakes, which Sarah Richards will make. Janine Morrison will contact Miss Funderburk to discuss the SCA's involvement, and she will prepare an informational flyer and have it listed on the sign outside of school. Lori Deane will request a reminder with the school messenger on Thursday.

PTO Room: Jane Hall has taken care of the paper to be recycled, and they are getting recycling bins.

Curriculum Night: The PTO will only handle the meeting on February 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Susan Bridges has the format in progress and believes that it will be from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

PTO Meeting/Spring Concert: The date has been set for May 4, 2010 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Schoolmall.com: Susan Bridges reported that she received a telephone call from Anita Thacker of schoolmall.com, which is linked to Lands' End, L. L. Bean, and Target. She did not obtain the amount of the proceeds which are received by the school or if families' names are added to any mailing lists based on the cards that go home. Anita Thacker will be contacting Janine Morrison to discuss this further. Staples School Supply Kits: Susan Bridges will discuss this fundraiser with her teachers and report their feedback. Janine Morrison will check with Michele Decker of the PS PTO to see how they handle this fundraiser.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Armm reported that the general fund balance was \$14,491.89 and the playground balance was \$21,605.03. The playground received \$1,000.00 in December, 2009. The Santa Breakfast netted \$536.00 compared to a loss for last year's event. Lori Deane will send a thank you note to Mr. and Mrs. Claus. We also received \$1,300.00 from BoxTops, and will receive another check in April. The Square1 Art fundraiser did well, and the spirit booth is -\$300.00 right now due to new purchases. Jane Hall suggested that we sell spirit items the week of Valentine's Day. We will also sell items at Chick-fil-A and IHOP, and at the next PTO general meeting. The sweatshirt and spirit items will be on display in the lobby in the near future.

Spaghetti Dinner and Art Show: This event will take place on April 30, 2010. The Board discussed a silent auction as a way to raise money because they wanted the dinner to be very affordable to our families. A basket for each grade level was discussed and whether or not we should enlist the assistance of families or teachers to provide items for each. Themes of summer, game night, cooking, arts and crafts, and gardening were mentioned. The Board decided to further discuss the details of this event at the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on February 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Deane, Secretary AGR PTO