

AG Richardson PTO Minutes

Board Meeting

February 19, 2010

The board meeting was held on February 19, 2010 at 1:00 p.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:

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the January 8, 2010 board meeting were approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Jill Armm reported that the playground fund balance was \$22,870.39. Sue Bridges presented a check for \$50.00 from Tricia Rose, a retired teacher who sent a note and donation to the playground fund after seeing Bail Out Bridges in the newspaper. She also presented a \$500.00 check from the CVS Caremark Volunteer challenge, a grant in recognition of Nancy Frye's volunteer efforts at AGR. Jill Armm reported that the general fund balance is \$15,867.37, with spirit wear sales generating a profit of \$524.00 (\$2,980.10 year-to-date and \$2,477.00 in expenses for spirit items) A last call for spirit wear items was discussed and approved by the board, with Jill Armm volunteering to revise the former flyer/order form. Lori Deane will request a reminder via the school messenger. Order forms and payment will be due on March 1, 2010 in correlation with the order for Bowl-A-Thon prizes. We also received a BoxTop payment in January, 2010 for \$1,295.50. The current budget has been provided to Jack Glick for posting on the website.

Teacher Treats: Jane Hall reported that the hot chocolate/hearts provided by the PTO as treats for the teachers and staff were appreciated. In mid-March, Sarah Richards will cut out shamrocks for teacher goodies to go along with a theme of gold, "lucky to have you", and most likely a piece of candy. In April, Jill Armm suggested "hoppy" to have you.

Bail Out Bridges: Janine Morrison and Sarah Richards will follow up with the fourth grade teachers to reschedule the cupcake party for raising the most bail money during Bail Out Bridges.

Family Movie Night: Janine Morrison reported that family movie night has been rescheduled to Friday, February 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. We will still be showing "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs". This event will feature free popcorn and drinks, and candy and AGR water bottles will be available for purchase.

Curriculum Night: The PTO meeting/Curriculum night has been rescheduled to March 9, 2010 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Grades K-2 will go to classrooms for educational games, and grades 3-5 will be in the cafeteria. There has been a concern raised by the teachers about young siblings being present during the Curriculum night activities. We will work on providing child care in the gym with the assistance of girl scouts and honor roll students. Sue Bridges volunteered her two children if they were available.

Janine Morrison reported that the owner of Fun N Beyond would rent us a 20x20 inflatable for \$97.00. However, after some discussion it was decided not to purchase an inflatable for Curriculum Night for use in the gym. The Board will revisit this idea for the Spring Run 4 Fun.

Bowl-A-Thon: The event is scheduled for March 7, 2010. Flyers were waiting upon return from the snow days so they should have been sent home, or will be sent home in the near future. The hand-out that went home included the reservation and pledge sheets, which are both due on March 1, 2010.

Once those are received, Janine Morrison will provide participants with time slots. The grand prize is \$25.00 for the top donation collector, and other prizes include: ten free Duke's Raffle Tickets for donations totaling \$21-29, 20 free Duke's Raffle Tickets for \$30-39, AGR water bottle for \$40-49, AGR stuffed bulldog for \$50-59, AGR t-shirt for \$75-99, and AGR sweatshirt for \$100+. The playground committee is scheduled to meet again on February 24, 2010. Janine Morrison will post a Facebook message and Lori Deane will send an e-mail requesting volunteers to assist on the day of the event. On

February 26, 2010, Sarah Richards volunteered to dress up in a bowling outfit to remind students to turn in the paperwork on Monday, March 1, 2010. We will have tables set up at the door with lane assignments, and shoe rental will be free of charge.

Eco-Recycling: We received a total of \$11.75 for ink jet cartridges, including \$4.50 for those that did not qualify for the program. The income for the cell phones, cameras, etc. has not yet been received.

New Business:

McDonald's Spirit Night: A date of May 11, 2010 from 5:00-8:00 has been selected. We will receive 10% profit of all sales. Janine Morrison will confirm whether or not drive thru business is included. The other restaurants donate 20% from only AGR families. They also order t-shirts for our teachers that are going to be present, offer door prizes (some schools use them to raffle off), and Ronald McDonald will also be present.

Fun N Beyond Spirit Night: Janine Morrison met with George Herndon, the owner of Fun N Beyond regarding a spirit night for our school. He agreed to a \$5.00 per child fee, and requires that a parent sign a release/waiver. The occupancy is a maximum of 250 people. He will return 50% of the profits to our school, including concessions, and would allow us to set up a bake sale table, too. He also offers an Isee maker, French fries, nachos, hot dogs and drinks, as well as Ledo's pizza delivery. He suggested that our flyer have a notice included that CCPS are not liable for accidents as he carries liability insurance. However, the board did not feel that this was necessary. The potential dates are March 19, April 13, and April 16. Janine Morrison will follow up with the owner.

Duke's Raffle: This fundraiser begins March 1, 2010. Our prizes will include Principal for the day for grades 4-5, and gym assistant for the day for grades K-3 (Janine Morrison will confirm with Sharon Gregory.) Jill Armm will first check to see if David and Patty Myers would be interested in the DJ party again this year, or Janine Morrison will contact the individual from the Santa Breakfast. We will also offer an ice cream sundae party and a class movie. The drawing will be moved from March 26, 2010 to March 31, 2010 due to the change in the spring break schedule. Jill Armm will coordinate the announcements with the SCA.

Wrestle Mania: Sue Bridges received an e-mail that May 22, 2010 was not available and Memorial Day weekend was a poor choice for an event. Lori Deane will follow up with Victor Washington regarding security costs and deputies volunteering their services for security and traffic control. The two potential dates for this school year are June 5, 2010 or May 8, 2010. Sue Bridges will follow up with Mark Settle at EVHS for date confirmation, and try to obtain a video clip or check the House of Pain website.

Spaghetti Dinner/Art Show: This event is scheduled for April 30, 2010 from 6:00-8:00 in the cafeteria. Sue Bridges has a donated quilt from an AGR family for the playground fund so we will be doing a silent auction. We will discuss grade level themes at the next board meeting. Ms. Testerman is aware of the Art Show and there is a school committee. Jill Armm suggested an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner with plain and meat sauces, garlic bread, salad, pies, cookies and brownies. We will request PTO volunteers and teachers to assist with the food distribution. Jane Hall will request volunteers at the next faculty meeting as we would like to have enough volunteers for 30 minute time slots. Jill Armm will follow up with the cafeteria manager regarding the ordering of food and distribution.

Staples School Supply Kit: Janine Morrison reported that she had contact with the PTO President from PSES, who reported that it was not a large fundraiser. The Board decided to not move forward with this program. Jane Hall reported that kindergarten registration will be held on April 28, 2010. We will have a PTO table set up, along with spirit wear available for purchase, and potentially school supplies.

Board vacancies: Janine Morrison will report at the next general meeting that the only vacancy on the board is the Treasurer position.

Our next meeting will be held on March 12, 2010 at 8:45 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Deane, Secretary AGR PTO