

Lowell PTA Meeting
Thursday, January 27, 2005
Pending Approval at the February 24th Meeting

Call to Order Mary Ann Vitone called the meeting to order at 6:33pm with 35 people in attendance.

November Minutes: The minutes were reviewed; there were no comments or changes. The minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report: Diane Moukheiber presented the November and December 2004 treasurer's reports and budget versus actual.

President's Report:

Jamboree is our next big event. It will be Friday, March 4th.

Teacher Representative Report:

The teacher's would like to know when the classroom baskets are to be picked up. Caroline will get them an answer next week.

Also wanted to know what the amount PTA has set aside for ISAT snacks. Patti and Diane will get them the exact dollar amount.

Officer's Report:

Nominations for the PTA executive board positions for next school year are almost in place. Next month the nominating committee will be ready to present them. We would like to create a new executive board position, financial secretary. The person fulfilling this position will attend PTA meetings and present the treasurer's reports and budget to actual. Sharon Carroll made a motion to create this position. All were in favor.

Committee Reports:

Jamboree: Progressing nicely. The games have been selected. There will be two per classroom. There will be two moonwalks in the gym since they are so popular. A volunteer letter will go out Friday. The packet of information will go out next week. They've gotten great donations for the food court. Still looking for cans of soda. The budget is on track. There are 48 baskets for the raffle not counting the classroom ones. A chili cook off is one addition this year. Anyone can participate. The stools will be picked up next week to be readied for the auction. There will be a note going home this Friday looking for people to help with wrapping baskets for the raffle. The cake/cupcake walk will still go on. They will work with the bakeshop people to have a good variety. The decorations are looking really good. The biggest request at this point is for volunteers. There will be no prize redemption room this year. Prizes will be given out at each game.

PTA Council: Voicemail is now available at all schools; the 2005-2006 school year calendar is available for viewing; Thanksgiving week off survey went out and 763 were for the week off and 52 were against it.

Principal's Report:

Thanks to everyone for coming out tonight.

A spotlight was installed in the lunchroom to monitor sound levels. The children have been doing a good job keeping the sound to a respectable level. It is working very well. Voicemail is almost ready for Lowell. There are some issues with retrieving messages.

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The Vision and Mission meeting will take place in February. We will be getting the input from the school community on where we should be in 5 and 10 years. We will be seeking input from parents of school age children, empty nesters, retired couples, parents of young children, etc. If anyone knows someone who might be interested, please let the office know.

Dena McAllister will be giving more information at an upcoming PTA meeting on what she has been working on with regard to curriculum.

The February 9th school board meeting is here at Lowell.

Announcements:

Face to Face Productions Assembly (Washington Follies)-February 16th, 2005

February PTA Meeting – Thursday February 24th, 2005 – 9:20 A.M.

Jamboree – Friday, March 4th 2005

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Submitted by:

Patti Scheuman - Secretary

“A kind word is like a spring day.” – Russian Proverb

“One must care about a world one will never see.” – Bertrand Russell, 20th-century British mathematician and philosopher

“Compassion is the basis of morality.” – Arnold Schopenhauer, early 19th-century German philosopher

(Please join us after the meeting for our parent guest speakers: a panel of clinical psychologists from the Pediatric Psychology Associates on Bullying and Teasing)