

JFK PTO MEETING
February 8, 2011

In Attendance: See attached

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Linda Marchesini. Jackie Prince recorded the minutes.

Jackie Prince moved to waive the reading of the December 8, 2010 minutes and to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. The December 8, 2010 minutes were approved as written.

Officer's Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Denise DeSimon

A motion was made to add excess funds from 2009-2010 budget to the 2010-2011 budget. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. The excess funds from the 2009-2010 budget will be moved to the 2010-2011 budget.

- **Co-President's Report:** presented by Linda Marchesini and Risa Rizzo
 - ❖ There will be a PTO Council Meeting at JFK on February 24th. They will review the recent survey. There will also be a presentation about the new math program.
 - ❖ Help is needed with the Family Fun Night at Jackal's Stadium. A new chair is needed for next year.
- **Corresponding Secretary's Report:** presented by Tammi Borchard
 - ❖ We received a thank-you note from a JFK family who we helped at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - ❖ We received a note from Mrs. Liss thanking us for the toy drive.
 - ❖ We received a number of thank-you notes from staff for holiday gifts.
 - ❖ We would like to thank the Cohen Family for donating books to the library.
 - ❖ We would like to thank Wayne Zonta for their donation of a gift card. The money will be put toward our food drive.

Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Erck

- **Schedule of Upcoming Events**

- ❖ Sleepy Time Story Hour is scheduled for March and a notice will be sent home shortly. The program is open to pre-school through second grade. Pre-school parents are required to stay with their children.
- ❖ The TREP\$ Marketplace is scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2011.
- ❖ March 16th will be a minimal day for students. Staff will have in-service training.
- ❖ The Read-A-Thon is Feb. 18th through March 4th.
- ❖ After school clubs will have make-ups due to weather. A notice will be sent home soon.
- ❖ Fourth graders will participate in the National Assessment Educational Project on February 9th.

- **Technology**

- ❖ We have purchased “Neo-2” Keyboards. They are wireless keyboards that will allow interaction with the connected classroom for all students. The fourth and fifth grade teachers have had an in-service about these keyboards. We will have two carts of 30 keyboards set up. One cart for the Fifth grade and one for the Fourth grade. Our school is the only school to be able to purchase two carts. Most schools were able to purchase one cart through district funding but due to donations from the PTO, JFK was able to purchase a second cart.

- **Student Recognition**

- ❖ Now that it is the third marking period, the Fourth and Fifth Grade Student Recognition program is underway.
- ❖ There is also a recognition program for grades 1-3. Teachers for those grades select “best work” and it is displayed in the principal’s office for the week and the child whose work is chosen gets a small token.

- **Talent Show**

- ❖ All the students in the talent show did a fine job. Just for them to get up on stage is a great experience. The PTO and the students are to be commended.

- **School Report Card**

- ❖ Mr. Erck gave a short presentation on JFK’s school report card. The report card is from the New Jersey Department of Education.

- **After School Programs**

- ❖ TREP\$ is on Monday afternoons.
- ❖ The NJASK club for grades 3-5 meets after school on Monday through Thursday.

Teacher's Report: Presented by Mrs. Scornavacca

- The Holiday Boutique was fantastic. There were lots of quality items for a little bit of money.
- The talent show at the school was really terrific and it was a real benefit for those students who participated to be able to perform in front of the other students.
- Please place some more raffle books in the teachers' room. Good luck with Comedy Night.

Committee Chair Reports

- There were no committee chair reports.

Old Business

- ***Spirit Wear:*** reported by Tammi Borchard. We will be selling Boys tie-dye T-shirts with a vintage wash and Girls glitter wear and shorts. These are new styles for spring.
- ***School Store:*** reported by Linda Marchesini. The store is ongoing and open on every Friday morning. It is not as chaotic and things are more organized. Parents can purchase coupons for class birthdays.
- ***Talent Show:*** reported by Karen Marron. We had thirty-two acts this year. About seventy-two children participated. It was one of the biggest shows we've done. The children had a great time. Thanks to Linda Conte. She does an amazing job, writes the script, and really makes the event outstanding.

New Business

- ***TREP\$:*** Leslie Fischgrund reported that the TREP\$ program just finished their fourth workshop. The business plans are in and there are a lot of companies with food items, so come hungry. This year there are about twelve partnerships, and about 50-60 businesses in total. The Marketplace is scheduled for 6:30-8:30 on March 11th.
 - Schuyler-Colfax Middle School will have a TREP\$ Marketplace on February 16th. If you can, please attend. It is great to see how it is done.
- ***Kid Stuff Books:*** Linda Marchesini reported that Linda Brooks needs help with this committee for next year.

- **Food Drive:** Francine Cuciti reported that the boxes are filling up and donations are coming in.
- **Read-A-Thon:** Hillary Carusso reported that Kerry Lewis and Jodi Jenkins are heading up the Read-A-Thon. The theme is “Bulk Up with Reading” and follows the food pyramid.
- **Comedy Night and 50/50 Raffle:** Linda Marchesini reported that the Comedy Night and 50/50 Raffle are next week. The event will take place at Portofino in Oakland on February 17th from 6:30-10:30. Support is needed. If we do not sell enough tickets we may have to have another fundraiser this year.
- **Budget Items:** Linda Marchesini reported that we still have a long way to go to make our budget this year. We may have to cut programs or hold another fundraiser.

Volunteers of the Month

- The following were named volunteers of the month by Linda Marchesini:
 - Karen Marron and Linda Conte for January for their work on the Talent Show.

Open Discussion

- There was no open discussion.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Attendance for February 8, 2011 Meeting:

Linda Marchesini
Risa Rizzo
Denise DeSimon
Tammi Borchard
Francine Cuciti
Jackie Prince
Dana Smith
Jodi Jenkins
Tiffany Titus
Hillary Carusso
Leslie Fischgrund
Karen Marron
Richard Erck
Mrs. Scornavacca