

Black Diamond Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes

November 3rd, 2011 @3:45 in School Library

The meeting began at 3:45.

There were 17 members in attendance.

Jen Leatham welcomed everyone to meeting.

Tina McGann read the minutes from the October 13th, 2011 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded, and approved.

Spooktacular: Kate Harper and Jen Leatham explained it went very well. Many people attended and it was fun family event. They thanked everyone who helped and volunteered.

State PTA Legislative Assembly: Chanon Luke attended the state PTA legislative assembly in October. It was a round table discussion on what educational topics Washington PTA will lobby for in Olympia. Chanon said it was an amazing experience. She also invited everyone to Focus Day on February 20th, 2012. It is an event where everyone comes together on the steps of the capital building in support of kids and education.

Fall Fundraiser: The PTA brought in \$10,322.55 in catalog sales and \$1440.10 in online sales. The PTA will receive 50% from the catalog orders and %40 from the bulb catalog. Tina McGann thanked everyone for their support!

Teacher Updates:

- Ms. Carlson – 4th grade is preparing for an all day writing day. Both 4th grade classes will work on writing projects all day Tuesday November 8th. It is good practice for the MSP test.
- Mrs. Lindberg – 2ND grade just finished their Famous People lesson. They ended with a famous people fashion show on October 31st. The kids were very creative and learned a lot from this lesson. Their next lesson is the Human Body.

Volunteer of the Month: Kate Harper presented Johna Thomson with this award for her hard work and dedication to the Yearbook Club.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning checkbook balance was \$3001.91. Total income received was \$12,534.72. Total expenses were \$2476.63. The ending checkbook balance is \$ 13, 060.00. The savings has a balance of \$11,250.78. Total bank account balance \$24,310.78.

Info from Mrs. Garton: Mrs. Garton thanked all the parents for all they do with their children at home. She appreciated the great partnership. She is also very grateful for the PTA.

Minigrant: One minigrant was presented to the membership from 4th grade teachers Ms. Carlson and Mr. Orser. They are asking for a year membership to RAZ, an online reading program. The program would serve all 4th graders and allow children of all levels to read many different books. The total cost would be \$159.90. The membership voted 13-1 in favor of the minigrant.

Yearbook update: They have decided to go with a Rachel's Challenge theme. They are not sure what that will exactly look like but will be focused on kindness and compassion. Also, the yearbook took pictures at the Spooktacular and raised \$130. They asked the membership to allow that money to go into the yearbook line item. They also asked for any monies that the yearbook raises at PTA event to go into the yearbook line item. The membership voted 14-0 in favor of the request.

Membership: We have 129 members. This number qualifies us for the gold membership award from the Washington State PTA. Since we reached our goal, the board members and Danielle will be serving popcorn to all the children at school during lunch on November 4th.

Book Fair: The book fair will take place during the week of conferences. The theme this year is "Reading Out of This World". New this year, you can order online. Proceeds from the book fair go to the library.

Thanksgiving Dinner: The dinner will be November 20th from 11-2. Tina explained they are still in need of volunteers and also donations of food. She sent around a signup sheet.

Bake Sale: Jenny Scharf and Jen Leatham will be co-chairing the bake sale this year. It will be during the holiday concerts on December 8th and December 15th. Keep an eye out for sign ups.

Craft Bazaar: Karrie Hildebrand said they are still looking for vendors. They are advertising the event on 3 websites, newspapers, flyers and signs. She will be needing volunteers for the event.

Spaghetti Feed: Chanon Luke is the chair of the event. She is looking for people to take on ticketing, volunteers, auction items, decorations, and marketing. The event is February 17th. Chanon will also need help on the day of the event.

Proposed Budget Changes: The board presented the membership with proposed changes to the budget that would more accurately reflect the money that goes in and out of the PTA account. They also asked to add a hospitality line item to the budget. The membership voted 14-0 in favor of the proposed budget changes. The new budget is available at www.blackdiamondpta.com.

Superintendent Mike Nelson: Mr. Mike Nelson presented the Enumclaw School District's power point presentation of the Tri-Party Agreement between the Enumclaw School District, YarrowBay, and the city of Black Diamond.

