

Black Diamond Elementary PTA

Meeting Minutes

January 12th, 2012 @3:45 in Portable 6

The meeting began at 3:45.

There were 25 members in attendance.

Jen Leatham welcomed everyone to meeting.

A motion was made to approve the November 3rd, 2011 meeting minutes as written. The motion was seconded, and approved.

Thanksgiving Dinner: The Dinner went great. Over 150 meals were served, and another 30-40 were delivered to the local police and fire department in our community.

T-Shirts: T-shirt sales were a success! The board decided not to have another sale in the spring.

Bake Sale: The bake sales brought in a profit of \$1161.55!! A big thank you to all the bakers. Members stated that they felt the Christmas program was the best yet. Jen Leatham let the membership know that the PTA paid for a rental truck to pick up and deliver chairs from Thunder Mountain Middle School to Black Diamond Elementary for the concert. A member donated one of the rentals. Jen also talked about the need for chairs at our school. She asked the membership to think about the PTA purchasing chairs. Johna Thomson stated that there has been a need for chairs for 6 years, but the question of storage has been the issue. Mrs. Garton is checking with the city of Black Diamond and the Enumclaw School District about possibly building a storage unit off the gym.

Treasurer's Report: The November beginning balance was \$13,060.00. There was \$2408.70 in income and \$5,798.98 in expenses. The ending balance is \$9669.72. The savings balance is \$11,250.78. Total ending balance is \$20,920.50 and funds available after the budget are \$8,116.18.

The December beginning balance was \$9669.72. We had \$2261.63 in income and \$2191.79 in expenses. The ending balance is \$9739.56. The savings has a balance of \$11,251.09. The total ending balance is \$20,990.65. Funds available after the budget are \$8,465.32.

Special Presentation: The PTA presented Maria, our night custodian with a card and gift certificate as a thank you for all her support of our school and kids. Maria is leaving Black Diamond to go to Thunder Mountain Middle School.

Volunteer of the Month: The volunteer of the month for November is Jack McGann. He was given this award because he prepared the majority of the food for the Thanksgiving by himself while Tina was at a conference. The volunteer of the month for December was Lorraine Howard. Lorraine was given this award because of all her hard work to make the craft bazaar a huge success!

Info from Gerrie: The school just had the Wilma Unlimited Assembly that was a grant from the Enumclaw Schools Foundation. The staff recently had an instructor come to the school and teach the staff ways to move the body through dance. It was great for the staff, and they will pass these methods onto their classes.

Teacher Updates:

- Davis/Lindberg– 2nd grade is studying Antarctica. The students recently made explorers. It was a great art lesson. They are also using a new method of teaching writing that has shown success on high school MSP's.
- Ryerse- A student showed the membership examples how they are learning vocabulary with movements. The student would say a name of an angle and then use their arms to show that angle.
- Evans – Mrs. Evans talked about the Kindness and Compassion Club. The kids will be having a macaroni & cheese drive for the Black Diamond Community Center. The kids will be making posters and a commercial for the broadcast news club. The kids also came up with an essay contest. The essay would be answering, what kindness means to them?
- Mrs. Garton announced and congratulated Ms. Carlson on her engagement! She also shared that the Rachel's Challenge Rally will be March 6th. Black Diamond Elementary has over 3,000 links!

Pacific Science Center: Mrs. Garton announced the Pacific Science Center is coming to Black Diamond on April 9th. The theme this year is "Space Odyssey". They could use some volunteers during the day. Mrs. Ryerse and Ms. Carlson both stated how nice it is to have them come to our school. They use to have to go to Seattle. It is also nice to have them come into the classroom.

School Board Info: Nancy Merrill and Tina McGann attended the meeting. Tina encouraged the membership to come to the 5th annual State of the School District address. It will be January 26th @7pm in the Enumclaw High School auditorium. Mr. Nelson will talk about our districts accomplishments over the past year and also where we are headed this coming year. Tina also encouraged the members to come to the school board meetings. The next one is January 17th @6:30 at the district office.

Nominating Committee: One of the nominating committee members had to step down from the committee. Mrs. Garton and Tina McGann volunteered to join the committee. The membership voted by ballot 19-0 to allow Mrs. Garton and Tina McGann to join the committee.

Donut for Dudes: Kate Harper informed the membership that the location has been moved from the library to the PTA room, portable 6. It will be held from 8:15-8:45 on January 13th. Kate has 9 dozen donuts ordered from CJ's Bakery.

Spaghetti Feed: It will be held on February 17th, 2012. Jen Leatham sent a signup sheet around the room so members could sign up to volunteer that night. Help is needed serving food, bingo, tickets, auction and many more. This year, the theme is Mardi Gras.

Popcorn Machine: The board had the machine looked at by Harlan Fairbanks to see if it could be maintained. It turns out the machine is the property of the district. It was purchased in 1983. The machine is very old and does not have much life left. The board gave the members a heads up that in the near future, we will need to discuss purchasing a new machine or possibly renting one.

Box Tops/Soup Labels: Jen Leatham told the membership that they can register their Safeway, QFC and Fred Meyer's cards and we can receive virtual points. They also need to sign up each year for Escrip.

McDonald's Teacher Night: Davina Romero asked if we had considered having a teacher's night at McDonald's. A school in Covington just hosted one, and they made \$4,000. She said she would look into this and get back to the board with more information.

Thunderbirds Night: Heather Invie-Notch volunteered to organize a Thunderbirds hockey night. This year, the family night is February 19th. They will have \$1 hot dogs and ice cream.

Art Fair: Since there is no chair for the art fair, the board asked the membership to cancel the event and move its budget to the art room supply budget. It was suggested that the art fair and literacy night be combined but keep separate budgets. Mrs. Davis would chair literacy night and Jen Kent would chair the art fair. The membership voted by ballot in favor of this idea 19-0.

Yearbook: Flyers went home today. Yearbooks are on sale for \$11 until February 3rd. Please get your orders in! Yearbook club will be meeting afterschool next week. They will begin learning how to design pages.

Minigrants:

1. The first minigrant was for a new roller and tray for the die cut machine. The amount requested is \$58 by Krisy Hanson. The membership approved this minigrant 18-0.
2. The second minigrant was for 2 25ft extension cords, 2 50ft extension cords, and 2 commercial grade surge protectors for the shed. The amount requested was \$131.50 by the board. The membership approved this minigrant 18-0.
3. The third minigrant was to bring the 5th Avenue Theater to Black Diamond Elementary to perform the musical Klondike-Alaska Gold Rush. They will be coming March 16th. The amount is for \$400 requested by Gerrie Garton. The membership approved this minigrant 17-0.
4. The fourth minigrant was to bring a Book It Theater assembly about Dr. Seuss on March 5th Black Diamond Elementary. The amount requested by Gerrie Garton and Dewey Sullivan was \$613.50. The membership approved this minigrant 17-0.

There was a drawing for a new Entertainment book. The winner was Jen Kent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54.

Next meeting is February 9th at 3:45.