

Beattie PTO Minutes November 19, 2007

Present: Beth Baldwin, Zoe McManaman, Joan Kohel, Sarah Henning, Linda Rediger, Heidi McNerny, Christie Dionisopoulos, Michelle Phillips, Kris Pollock, Sonya Ekart, Lana Erickson, Alan Reineke, Connie Heckman, John Callahan

Call to order: Beth Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at Beattie School.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Current overall total is \$16,929.48. Report was approved.

Special Report: Boy Scout John Callahan reported that the outdoor garden clean up day was a success. Several Beattie families participated, along with the Boy Scout families. He thanked the PTO for the donation of \$100 for supplies.

Principal's report: Fall parties were very successful. Thank you to all of the families who helped. Six fifth grade students attended the Student Leadership Conference on Nov 16. The group plans on scheduling a service project. REACH Week was enjoyed by students. The author visit was educational and enjoyable. An all-school read provided bookmarks and bracelets for the students. Michael Burton, a visual artist, will be visiting art classrooms and will paint during the lunch periods on Dec 4, 12, and 13. Elementary plan day is Weds. Nov 21. There is no school on Nov. 22 and 23. Next early release will be Nov. 27. Mrs. Rathe's last day at Beattie will be Friday, Dec 7. Mrs. Adams will complete the school year in her classroom. Band and Strings concert will be Thurs, Dec 13 at 7:00pm. Winter break is Dec 24 thru Jan. 3. A letter was sent home to parents on Nov 19 regarding a student who brought a BB gun to school. Disciplinary action was taken and LPD was contacted.

Teacher's report: Thank you for the Fall parties! REACH Week was a very positive experience for kids. A suggestion is to get more information to both students and staff about the week. The author visit was enjoyed by all. The staff appreciates the Popcorn Friday order form. Third grade attended field trips to Pioneers Park Nature Center, Lincoln Journal Star, the State Archives and the State Historical Museum. First grade went to Chet Ager. If you are not aware of your child's PLC goals for their grade, please ask their teacher. Harvest of Books is Nov 20. Each first grader will get 2 books, and each 2nd grader will receive one book. An all-school read will be this Friday for National Children's Book Week.

Committee Reports:

Afterschool Clubs- Art club is in progress. In January, a chess, sign language, and textile

art club should begin.

Fall Fundraiser- 220 students are participating. There has been a lot of positive feedback. More information to come in January.

Individual and classroom pictures-Alan Reineke proposed offering both classroom pictures and spring individual pictures to be taken. Each student would get a free group picture. Purchase of individual spring pictures would be optional. It was suggested that the free group picture be sent a week after the individual pictures so that families would not feel obligated to purchase.

Committee openings-Box Tops Communication, Safety and Science Fair(K-4) chairs are still open. Please contact Beth Baldwin if interested.

Next meeting is Monday, January 7 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christie Dionisopoulos
Secretary