G.A.P.S.

Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff

Minutes April 4, 2011

Fifth meeting of the 2010 – 2011 School year.

Welcome:

 Robin

Requests for Donations:

Greg Bump requested GAPS purchase 6 rolls of laminator film. The original plan was for GAPS to purchase the laminator and for the film to be purchased from the school budget, but with the current budget cuts, it became necessary to ask for more assistance.

Molly Milner-Band Director (through Greg) asked for $234 to pay for the NYSMMA (New York State School Music Association) pins the band members were promised before budget cuts.

A third request was made by Greg Bump on behalf of Kathleen Beale-Art Teacher. The previous year’s budgets have had $3,000 afforded to the art program. This year, there is only $1,500 available. She is requesting that GAPS supply the $1,500.

All three requests were approved by majority ballot/vote.

A request was made for GAPS members to once again “man” the bounce house at this years LaFayette community days. A sheet on which members could sign up for 30 minute shifts was passed around.

Gertrude Hawk:

 Melissa Mott- Chair

Another fantastic year of chocolate sales.

$15,086.50 was sold for a profit of $7,500.

Book fair:

Christine Foti-Cromley -Chair

April 26-29

Extended hours on Thursday 8AM – 8PM will be advertised in the Green Sheet.

A flier will be sent home in folders with students.

Posters were put up around the school after the meeting.

Treasurer’s Report:

 Christine Foti-Cromley –Treasurer

 Currently GAPS has $33,000 in our bank account.

Fresh Fruit Friday:

 Essie Wanlass co-coordinator:

(Nancy Redmore co-coordinator not able to be in attendance.)

 Last week, we received a donation of 1 case of bananas and a discount on the rest.

 The out- of- pocket cost for bananas was $40

 The next Friday, April 15, will consist of fresh Pears for a cost of approximately $90.

 There will be no FFF on Grandparents Day.

 As a supplement to FFF, Erin Oristian brought up the idea of a “Grimshaw Garden.”

 Several ideas were tossed around and it was decided that it would make a better

After- school club than GAPS project.

Erin is going to do some research on container gardens and other possibilities

Then meet with Greg Bump to further discuss.

Future Events:

Teacher appreciation week:

 May 2-8

 May 2 – Bagels, cream cheese and Juice delivered to teachers.

 May 4 – Chips and soda in the afternoon.

 May 8 – Red carpet welcome with cheering.

Teacher appreciation Luncheon:

 Limp Lizard proposed.

 Discussion about teacher gift.

In attendance:

 Robin O’kane Christine Foti-Cromley

 Melissa Mott Erin Oristian

 Carolyn Bice Danielle Jeffery

 Christiana Shute Essie Wanlass

 Erin Virnoche Claire LaCave

 Greg Bump

 Mike LaCava

 Jennifer Jackowski