G.A.P.S.

Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff

Minutes January 10, 2011

Third meeting of the 2010 – 2011 School year.

Welcome:

Kerry and Robin

Empower Federal Credit Union:

Janelle Wilbur of Empower Federal Credit Union called and was unable to make the meeting as her car broke down and had to be towed. She will try to attend our next meeting.

Past events:

Roller skating party:

209 students (approx.) attended.

Next year’s event planned for mid-October.

A request for additional help for next year’s event, to supervise K-1 and 2nd and 3rd grade parties was made. Erin Vernoche and Carolyn Bice volunteered.

Candle Sale:

Claire LaCava and Jennifer Jakowski co-chairs.

Sold (approx.) 60 more candles than last year. $3,608 profit.

Box-Tops:

Erin Vernoche, co-coordinator:

Just received a check for $284.77

Just sent in 180 tops.

Sunday Post Standard newspaper on January 9 (last Sunday) there was a bonus sheet for Campbell's labels in the coupon section.  This is a great opportunity for us to get some additional points, but we need as many sheets as we can get. You don't need to attach the UPCs.  Just send in the coupon sheet and put it in the Box Tops/Campbell's label bin in the foyer.

Working on starting a competition between the grades for who can collect, clip, sort and bundle the most. (Must be bundled in 50’s)

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Shop the marketplace to earn even more for our school!

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace/Default.aspx>

Future Events:

Family Fun Night:

Erin Vernoche and Carolyn Bice co-chairs:

Game night planned for Friday February 11 6:30 – 8:30 in the Grimshaw cafeteria. The entire family can come in and play “Chutes and Ladders,” “Candy land,” “Scrabble-Slam” and life size “Tic Tac Toe,” “Ned’s Head” and more.

February Fresh Fruit Fridays:

Essie Wanless: Chair

Nancy Redmore announced that she had received a commitment from Guinta Produce (located in the Regional Market) to donate 350 Apples or Oranges.

Mr. Bump reported that the fruit purchased through the same program as our cafeteria must be purchased in 100 counts.

K-3 would be 250 students, if we include 4th grade; 300 students.

Without the donation from Guinta, our costs would be a total of $450.00 to buy snack for 300 students for the 3 Fridays in February.

Response from teachers and staff is very positive and enthusiastic. They asked if GAPS would consider doing the same during State testing. Cost would be $150 per week.

To be revisited after February program.

Gertrude Hawk Sale:

Chair: Melissa Mott

Begins February 7 – March 14

Benefits GAPS /Grandparents Day

Book Fair:

Chair: Christine Foti-Cromley

Tuesday, April 26 –Friday, April 29

Extended hours Thursday until 8 pm.

Grandparents’ Day – Friday, April 29

Treasurer’s Report:

$20,413 balance at the end of 2010

Requests for DARE Graduation T-shirts; total cost is under $400

Unanimous vote for approval.

Tables for cafeteria: 1 table already purchased. School would like 7 more. School to pay for 2 out of equipment budget. They requested that GAPS purchase the remaining 6. Majority voted in approval, but a request was made to verify that there was not a less expensive method of purchasing the tables first.

Imagination Library:

Currently 128 children have been served.

By-laws:

By-Laws were passed out to be taken home for review. Vote will be taken at next meeting. 2/3 Majority required to approve.