G.A.P.S.

Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff

Minutes June 6, 2012

Last meeting of the 2011 – 2012 School year.

Past events:

Grandparents’ day:

Friday, May 11th

Very successful.

90 responses from survey. Will post results.

Book Fair:

Chaired by Christine Foti-Cromley & Lisa Ellis

Most successful ever

$9,196.03

Profit is: $3,798.00 in Scholastic dollars.

 $400.00 in cash.

Teacher appreciation Week:

Cost was $200.0

Smart Snacks:

Chaired by Nancy Redmore

Currently under budget.

Last 2 weeks are peas in the pod and dried fruit.

Anticipating better response to requests for donation after we achieve tax exempt status.

Upcoming events:

Teacher appreciation Week:

June 19th

Will be serving BBQ catered by O’Neils

Once again asking parents to make and donate salads and sides

Dessert will be from Sweet Endings in Jamesville

We need set up and clean up help:

 10 am set up

Nancy Redmore and Rhonda Zajac will be handling all details for Breakfast for Kitchen staff (served as a “thank you” for help and “hassles” during FFF.

Officer nominations:

President – Erin Virnoche

VP – Christina Shute

Treasurer – Christine Foti-Cromley

Secretary – Erin Oristian

(Later voted on and approved)

Room Parent co-ordinator:

Gretchen Gretsky retiring from position. Need replacement.

Responsibilities include:

Sending a letter home after report card asking for volunteers for room parents.

Recruit over summer.

Send home list in fall notifying who is room parent and what classes still need volunteers.

Last recruiting.

Organizing and sending out class lists.

Thank yous:

Presented by Kerry Evans and Robin O’Kane

Erin Oristian

Rhonda Zajac

Gretchen Gretsky

Lisa Ellis

Greg Bump

Mellissa Mott-Abend

Christina Shute

Christine Foti-Cromley

Jen Jacowski

Erin Virnoche

Nancy Redmore

Nichole Roberts

Robin O’Kane (by Kerry)

Kerry Evans (by Robin)

Poem by Rhonda Zajac read to departing Co-Presidents.

(Posted on website)

Gift bags presented to departing Co-Presidents.

Treasurer report:

Read by Robin and Kerry in Christine’s absence.

Currently $18,000.00 in account

Bills still outstanding; Teacher appreciation luncheon and Water bottles.

Estimated $16,500.00 left after expenses.

This year, we have begun to have a decrease in our surplus. We are anticipating for this trend to continue.

Requests for funding:

6th Grade: $365 for T-shirts for class trip to Seabreeze no longer needed. They wrote us a letter to than us.

They did send in a new request: $200 for student only graduation brunch.

Approved by majority vote

Kindergarten graduation: $150 for snacks and decorations. (They were under budget for the kindergarten preparation event by the same amount, so this is a “wash.”

Approved by majority vote

Mrs. Bennett/computer lab: $350 for new headphones with microphones. Current headphones are badly in need of replacement and there are only a few with microphones currently available in the school. This will solve both issues.

Approved by majority vote

Next year’s 6th Grade: $300 for Protractors. 1 for each student (60 total.) They will be kept in the classroom for in-school use only.

Approved by majority vote

Non-teaching staff appreciation/gift: $500 for $10 McDonald’s gift cards.

Approved by majority vote

Kindergarten binders: $150 for 60 binders for kindergarten and 20 for 1st grade.

Approved by majority vote

Teacher reimbursement: $50 per teacher. (Only 30 receipts were submitted this year)

(Supply Budgets were again cut this year, by 10%.)

Approved by majority vote

Pat Wilson: $132 for Visual cluster cards/teaching aids.

Approved by majority vote

Imagination Library: $4,000.00

Approved by majority vote

Smart Snacks: $3,000.00

Approved by majority vote

Teacher gift: Motion to discontinue. Pointing out that we are spending more with less income and we want to have the money available for student needs.

Verbally Approved by majority

Tax Exempt status:

Must be pursued due to necessity.

We will become a corporate entity/ not for profit.

Administrative report:

Given by Greg Bump.

In order to increase the time students spend with uninterrupted instructional time, next year’s schedule is experiencing several changes.

Chorus and Band will now be “after school” activities.

AIS - Academic Intervention Services will be moved to 3 times during the day into blocks for 6th, 5th and new this year, 4th.

There are 3 teachers available for Reading and 1 for Math AIS.

Kids not needing AIS will participate in “Junior Great Books” and math games.

 <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

Library will be K-4

Computer will be 5th and 6th

Sue Bang (Library Media Specialist) will be working with all grades to fill gaps and help teachers integrate both into the classroom.