G.A.P.S.

Grimshaw Association of Parents and Staff

Minutes November 9, 2011

Second meeting of the 2011 – 2012 School year.

Welcome:

 Kerry Evans

Introductions:

 Kerry Evans: Co-President

Robin O’Kane: Co-President

Christine Foti-Cromley: Treasurer

 Erin Oristian: Secretary

Applefest:

 Dave Knapp

 Presented a check from Applefest for $750.00

Cuisenaire Rods:

 Presentation and demonstration by Mr. Pat Wilson; Math Specialist.

 Request for $950 (cost per classroom set $65.00)

 (Approved by majority vote.)

Thank you:

 Cards passed around thanking GAPS for gifts and donations.

 Kitchen and custodial staff. – Gift cards

 Bus Drivers. – Gift cards

 Joan B (Messenger.) – Gift card

 Running club. – 2010-2011 running club “foot/miles” keychains.

Room Parents:

 Thank you to Gretchen Gretsky (who was unable to attend this meeting) for

 Organizing room parents for all classes as well as supporting them with

 Class lists.

Roller-skating party:

 266 students participated.

 G.A.P.S. broke even. (Goal.)

 Suggestions for next year to put recommendations for helmets on notice/invitation.

Fresh Fruit Friday:

 Chaired by Nancy Redmore

 Friday October 21st - Grapes purchased.

 Friday October 28th – Apple Cider donated by Beak & Skiff Orchards.

 Friday November 4th – Golden Delicious Apples $10 per bushel from O’Neil’s Orchards.

 (Picked by 4 parent volunteers.)

 Volunteers welcomed every Friday to wash, prepare and distribute.

 Come to cafeteria on Fridays between 7:50 and 8 AM if interested.

Treasurers Report:

 Currently have $18k in bank (Temporary surplus)

Estimated yearly income $12k

Budgeted already for 2011-2012 school year $12k-$13k

Currently on budget:

 Imagination Library

 Fresh Fruit Friday

 $50 per teacher reimbursement

 $1k for Grandparents day

$750 Teachers’ lunch

$200 Teachers’ week

$300 per year for supplies for meetings and babysitting

$900 for tax exempt filing

Pocono Candle sale:

Chaired by Jennifer Jackowski

Assistant chair will be welcomed

Drivers Claire LaCava and Donna knapp

Decision made to continue with sale as has been growing without sign of leveling off or

 declining.

Pursuing tax exempt status:

 Unincorporated Charity:

 Requires Executive board

 Will need to re-file and repay every time there is a change in the board

 Incorporated Charity:

 Requires legal aid/Lawyer

 Noted: Booster club took 3 years to achieve incorporated charity status

Meet and Great Potluck:

 Was Friday the 9th

 Estimated 70 attendees (including children)

Box tops and Labels for Education:

 Coordinator: Erin Verniche

Actively collecting.

There will be another grade against grade contest.

Please keep them clean and neat as possible.

Please continue to send them in to your class.

Elmer’s Glue Stick recycling station:

You may have noticed the beautiful replica of a glue stick/collection tube by the front office.

It is a dropping off point for empty, clean rinsed out Elmer’s brand glue sticks.

Once it is filled, the material is sent away to be repurposed and made into new glue stick.

 Thanks again to Christine Foti-Cromley for all your hard work in making the recycling station and in ensuring they are transported to the proper facilities so they can be recycled.

She did ask people to make sure that there is no glue left, the “glue holder” part be removed and the tubes be rinsed before they are deposited.

Requests for funding:

Books for Library:

Sue Bang; Librarian asked for $300 to make purchases at the Penguin/Putnam

annual warehouse book sale.

 She stated that new, current titles can be purchased for as little as $.99 for paperback

 And $3.00 for hardcover.

 Approved by ballot.

 Big Picture Program Musical conference:

 Request for a total of $50 to help defer costs to send 4 students to NYC October 5-7

 For a special musical conference.

 Approved by ballot.

 Post Standard subscription for 6th grade:

 Jenny Radcliffe requested no more than $600 to obtain several subscriptions to be used as

 Learning tools in the classroom.

 Approved by ballot.

 Fruit cutters for cafeteria:

 Bobbi Buck asked for no more than $50 to buy cutters for apples and oranges eaten by students

 during lunches.

 This is due to the fact that the kitchen no longer cuts up the fruit ahead of time and is to prevent

 Injuries that may be caused by having to carry a knife.

 Approved by ballot.

 Weather station:

 $8690

 Further discussion at later date.

 Decision to be put on hold until further notice.

Updates on previous purchases:

 Refrigerator for teachers’ lounge:

 Cost $400

 Currently installed and in use in lounge.

 Keurig coffee maker for teachers’ lounge:

 Cost included as part of previous improvement project to teachers’ lounge.

 Currently installed and in use in lounge.

 Paint for Accent wall in teachers’ lounge:

 Cost to be included as part of previous improvement project to teachers’ lounge.

Administrative report:

 Greg Bump:

 Future meetings will be held in room 136.

 Mr. Bump expressed his continual support for the “Pair up” concept, in which GAPS members

 Communicate with other members who are new to meetings or unable to attend.

 Professional development dismissal times will now be 1:15 PM

(Pre-K logistics are still being worked out regarding PD.)

 Spring break and Grandparents’ day schedule changes, due to changes in the State’s testing

 will be addressed in the next Greensheet.