

PTSA meeting September 17, 2007. Rousseau Elementary Media Center.

President, Deonne Bruning called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Principal, Sue Braun suggested an edit be made in prior month's minutes to reflect that enrollment stands at 592, not 588 as previously reported. Motion from Doug Ayars to approve the minutes, as amended. Seconded by Sue Braun. Motion approved unanimously.

Principal's Report given by Sue Braun.

Various staffing changes were announced. The 5th grade has been given another .5 teacher, Mrs. Stephanie Haddan. She will teach in literacy in the afternoon. This makes 4 full sections of 5th grade instead of the 3.5 that were in place at the beginning of the year. Mrs. Braun suggested calling or writing Dr. Marilyn Moore at the District Office to inform her of our appreciation of the additional teacher being hired. Dr. Moore heard from parents who expressed concerns about the large class size and it would be helpful to follow-up with our gratitude. In addition, an additional Special Education paraeducator will be starting soon.

The Missoula Children's Theater will be at Rousseau January 22 – 26 and will perform *The Pied Piper*. A \$500 deposit is needed. Doug Ayars will give Sue a check. In addition, parent volunteers are needed to help out that week and at the performance. A suggestion was made to see if the Lincoln Southwest High School drama team would be willing to assist. Sue will check into it. The total cost of the Missoula project is \$2625 which includes the performance and classroom workshops for every grade level.

The school website is up and running. Karla Rien has gone through training and will be responsible for posting PTSA information. Sue would like to have post a brief description about the PTSA and also about Box Tops and After School Clubs. Deonne will work with Sue on giving Karla this information.

Tamara Cass and Barb Solomon will lead the After School Clubs. Anne Walden will teach 3 Destination Imagination ("DI") clubs. Other classes are being researched; such as sport clubs, an art club (although Mr. Fischer is unable to teacher due to his injured hands) and a computer club (although Mr. Tharp is not able to teach).

The outstanding DI debt from last year's team was discussed. Sue will contact Steve Gorham to find out where things stand and explain reimbursement is still necessary

Vice-President's Report given by Diane Snow and Victoria Miller.

The gift sales fundraising company we used sent the wrong packets to about 50 students asking that checks be made out to the Urbana Choir. While efforts were made to correct the mistake, checks were still made out incorrectly. Doug will call our bank to see what should be done with these checks.

An all-school skating party is planned for this semester. It was discussed what school wide activity, if any, should be held in the second semester. It was agreed-upon to hold a private, Rousseau Elementary at the Lincoln Children's Museum evening. Sue will look at the calendar to find a date and Deonne will call the museum to make the reservation.

Treasurer's Report given by Doug Ayars.

Doug Ayars handed out the monthly financial statements and reviewed them for the group. Diane Snow will count the POGO card to calculate the payment we must pay. Diane will also re-order additional spirit wear including hoodie-sweatshirts for kids. The Eclipse billing statement for spirit wear was given to Doug.

Old Business

The budget for Box Tops collection was discussed. Diane Snow agreed to speak with Kelly Zoz, Box Tops Chair, to find out what amount of money Kelly believes is necessary to enhance promotions and contests throughout the year.

The by-laws have been available for inspection in the office and no one has offered any edits or suggestions. They will be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

There was no new business.

Diane McDonald motioned to adjourn the meeting. Diane Snow seconded the motion. No objection, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.