

Claxton Elementary PTA Meeting

April 20, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order by Pam McCraw at 7:00 p.m. Pam thanked everyone for coming and stated a 20 attendee minimum is required to vote on new board before next meeting. If 20 don't arrive, she told us proxy votes could be taken via phone. The March minutes were reviewed. Diane Jackson motioned for approval, Eileen Cruz, seconded and all were in favor. March 9, 2010 minutes approved.

II. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Anessa Burgman):

- Projected student numbers for next year are expected to decrease to 590 (from 630 this year). Unfortunately, three teachers will be removed from Claxton and placed in other schools within the GCS school system. She attributes lower enrollment to families moving due to job circumstances.
- Testing season is upon us. PTA will plan events for afternoons throughout the testing period. Fortunately, testing is taking place a week earlier this year: IEP's, the first week in May; EOG's the second week; EOG make up testing the 3rd week; EOG re-tests the 4th week. All testing should be completed by June.
- 5th Grade Celebration has been scheduled the last day before school ends (June 9th).

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Pam McCraw):

- Dad's Breakfast and Muffins for Moms were a huge success! We actually ran out of muffins both days, but luckily not until they ended. We also had Channel 14 News coverage!

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT (Shirley Lucky):

- The Budget was reviewed with highlights as follows: Cash in Bank: \$27,509.34; April deposits: \$3,239.00; Parents Breakfast receipts will be a little over budget. Discussion ensued as to whether or not entire balance in budget should be carried over to next year. It was decided, yes. Also, any decision for payments, need to be made prior to the budget close date of 6/30 (as no checks can be written again until late September). Pancake breakfast date was changed as a result of this. Diane Jackson motioned to approve budget, Eileen seconded. All were in favor.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Education (Diane Jackson):

- CMT (Bethany Carter, Anna Waldrop): Nothing new to report.
- Reading Incentives (Amber Dow): Anessa felt this was one of the best celebrations to date. Author was very knowledgeable about books, and excited the students with magic. He will be booked again next year.
- Teachers Representative (Kerri Creech): Very busy with Volunteer Breakfast, Grades 3&4 went to symphony and loved it, 50th Anniversary and 2nd Grade Musical, to name a few.
- Health & Safety (Carol Townsend): 77 people were booked for blood drive; 66 pints were collected. Thanks to all who came and brought snacks. Vision screening was done for grades 1-4.
- Visiting Author: Was great! Anessa enjoyed lunch with the students as well.
- 5th Grade Celebration (Pam McCraw): She has booked both the church across the street and our cafeteria for reception. Ricky Proehl has been scheduled to speak on 6/9. PTA will ask for volunteers to help with setting up and taking down. Bethany will email 4th grade parents/room mom's for help.
- Reflections (Anna Waldrop): Anna suggested not having a reception. Pam thought we should have it and offered to handle. Anessa gave date the morning of 5/7. Pam will relay information to Anna.

B. Service (Eileen Cruz):

- Character Education (Dana Resler): Camden Speight and his mom will speak on 6/3 to grades 2-5 about the book they wrote. Also, Drug Free/Character Development speaker (Teresa Crow) would like to come to speak if we are interested.
- Kindergarten Orientation (Ann Chapin): It was held on 3/23 and about 45 children attended. She also thanked volunteers. She would like additional help with "Newcomers Committee" or "Welcome Buddy". Ann has also created a page of teacher's "favorite things", which in turn is given to room moms for parent gift ideas.
- Staff Appreciation (Pam McCraw): Scheduled for 5/3-7. A letter to parents will be forthcoming. Monday – Staff Breakfast, each grade level will be asked to donate a specific breakfast items. Set up will be in teachers lounge. Tuesday – Flowers/Cards from home. Wednesday – Dips & Chips, served in Teachers lounge. Thursday – Send your Teacher a special snack, drink and candy. Friday – Desserts.
- EOG Breakfast (Pam McCraw/Bethany Carter): Currently working on this project. Muffins, bagels, bananas, trail mix, milk. Wendee Cutler will purchase items for the 15 children who will be testing the week before (IEP's).
- Newsletter (Sheri Bergen): Sheri continues to look for articles. She and Pam will go through calendar for topics. Deadline no later than 5/26.
- Web Page (Deb Bohl): Nothing new to report.
- Yearbook (Casey Tipton): 240 books sold so far, but additional 30-40 are projected, bringing total to 280. Lots of pictures. Scheduled to go out the first week of June.
- Spring Carnival (Allison Bentsen): No update.
- Field Day (Sarah Walker): Nothing new to report, other than dates: 6/1 – 4th/5th grades; 6/2 – 2nd/3rd grades; 6/3 – K/1st grades) being selected.

VI. WAYS AND MEANS (Amber Dow):

- Chick-Fil-A/Papa John's Nights: (Nicole Frick): Nothing new to report.
- Skate Night (Sheri Bergen/Bobby Victory/Bonnie Kennedy): Sheri asked if we wanted to continue with the 4th Tuesday of every month, or move to Thursday. She left message for Skateland and is awaiting response. We'd move to Thursday if it's not the 2nd one. Anessa will go to last one in May.
- Claxton 50th Anniversary (Kerri Creech): Please see attached minutes from their meeting.
- Fundraiser (Bethany Carter/Shannon Carden): Parents weren't the most "welcoming" when it came to filling out ideas for fundraiser, however, our poll showed "Donations" came in first, and "Cookies" came in second. Someone would have to chair "Donation Committee", and come up with incentives for those who donate the highest. They had the most volunteers for "fun run". We are also continuing with the Attractions fundraiser. Whichever fundraiser is chosen, it will not take place until end of September. It was also discussed that parents get a detailed write up as to exactly how much money is spent on each line item, so they know what we need and where money is spent.

VII: OLD BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee (Diane Jackson): Most spots are filled, YEAH. It was decided to take votes by proxy over the phone (Andrew Jackson Jackson, Preston Bergen, Dwight Carden, Craig Carter, David Wyrick, Diane Ridgway-Cross, Mark Townsend and Fernando Cruz) so we would have a quorum. Eileen motioned for all in favor of 2010 PTA Executive Officers and Board Members to be approved, Sheri seconded, all in favor (including proctors).

- A General meeting is scheduled for May 6th before the 2nd grade musical and its location is the Media Center.
- We still have not scheduled our May PTA meeting, since we are not having it the week of EOG's.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next meeting is scheduled for May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center.

MINUTES FROM 4/12 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

1. Ms. Shaver was not present, therefore Ms. Burgman passed out copies of minutes from last two meetings.
2. We proceeded to go over each event planned, ironing out details and specifics and placed various committee members in charge of these events.
3. Events planned and discussed:
RETRO PANCAKE SUPPER-9/10, in our cafeteria. Anna and Kerri are in charge.

OPENING CEREMONY-10/1, 8:30AM, outside event here with 9:00 reception inside, followed by tour of school.

Dignitaries to invite-Superintendent, Regional Super., Darlene Garrett, Anessa to check on County Comm.,

Howard Coble. (mailed invitations)

Others to invite-former principals, staff, (mailed invitations and word-of-mouth) alumni and current families.

Tent and chairs for special guests.

Claxton Song (Kerri to check with D. Carter and Bonnie Murphey)

A special anniversary presentation to our school. (Bethany to check what Jefferson did)

Placing a time capsule in the Media Center.

Reception will be limited to dignitaries, and former principals and faculty. Invitations need to be printed and nice. Bethany working on invite. GCS Print Shop has great rates for printing.

Light refreshment, probably in the Media Center and a small "remembrance" will be provided.

We need to begin compiling guest list with names and addresses. We will mail to dignitaries and former

faculty; rely on Facebook and word-of-mouth for alumni and current families and former staff still within the system.

Bethany has been researching the idea of purchasing a Claxton "star" mascot costume and having the

"star" present beginning with the year's activities.

Anna will be working on "Wall of Fame" as a backdrop to year's events, in the Media Center.

A STARRY NIGHT EVENT-11/10, evening 5:30?, school parking lot. Diane Jackson coordinating.

RETRO NIGHT AT SKATELAND January ? instead of actual dance as our school facilities will not accommodate large crowd. Will coordinate with Sherry Bergen.

LIVING MUSEUM-2/15th- 4th and 5th grades / decades of 60's and 70's Anessa/CMT/
classroom teachers

LIVING MUSEUM-3/15th- 2nd and 3rd grades /decades of 80's and 90's

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LIVING MUSEUM-4/19th -1st grades / decade of 2000

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SPRING CARNIVAL in May-? Allison Bentsen in charge

FIELD DAY in June- to include retro games and activities. Sara Walker in charge.

We were informed of the final amount earned with the Lowes Food fundraiser. Kerri to be in charge of staff sponsored bake sale during this year's Spring Carnival. It will be held in café and all proceeds will go to anniversary fund.

Friends, this is my best effort. I hope this works for all. Kerri