

## Thomas Paine PTA Meeting Minutes for February 9, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dana Perez at 6:30 PM.
- II. Minutes from January 12, 2015 were approved
- III. Principal Report
  - NAAPID – National African American Parent Involvement Day. We had an excellent turn out at lunch time. Parents are welcome to visit at lunch anytime and are encouraged to contact the teacher to visit or volunteer in the classroom.
  - Friday, the 13th - Fourth and Fifth graders are presenting at a 10:00 assembly for Black History Month and honoring Dr. Martin Luther King.
  - There is no school on Monday, February 16th – President’s Day
  - Friday, February 20 PTA Carnival – This is going to be so much fun. Classes are decorating their doors for a pizza lunch for the winning class AND the teacher gets an extra 30 minutes plan time with me subbing for him or her. There are lots of games, basket raffle, silent auction – one of them is lunch and movie with the Thomas Paine Principal, and MUCH MORE.
  - Parent Teacher conference days have changed. We will have conferences on Thursday, March 5 from 4:00 – 8:00 and Thursday, March 12 from 4:00 – 7:00. You will be getting a form in your child’s backpack.
  - Starting March 9- 20th – We begin PARCC testing for third through fifth grades. This computerized test replaces ISAT. We will have 3 classes complete 2 test sessions daily. More information will be coming.
  - One Hundred Days of School will be celebrated on Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kindergarten and first graders will have vision and hearing screening
  - The high school will be putting on a production of James and the Giant Peach, February 18<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Thomas Paine band concert will be on Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.
  - Thomas Paine strings concert will be on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.
- IV. Teachers Report-Mrs. Ryan
  - The teachers are excited about the door decorating contest.
- V. Executive Committee Reports
  - I. President – Dana
    - Market Day - there will no longer be a rep from Market Day here at Thomas Paine.
    - We are looking for someone to come in at 4:00 on Thursdays beginning in March to handle the money and mail a check to Market Day.
    - We are looking into new fundraisers for the Future. Mrs. Churukian suggested Square Art or Art to Remember.
  - II. Vice President – Scott
    - Spoke about My Rewards at Meijer
    - He will look into an El Toro Fundraiser Night
  - III. Vice President – Katie
    - We are still collecting Box Tops, Campbells Soup Labels and Coke Rewards. Kelloggs also gives cash for labels.
  - IV. Treasurer – Melissa
    - We approved up to \$225 for JaimeeGleisner and Dana Perez for school carnival

- supplies.
- School Engagement Advocate requested \$100 for funding. A motion was passed and approved.
- V. Committee Reports
  - Market Day – We are looking for a person to handle money for Market Day.
  - Hospitality – Ronda
    - Ronda will send out a Sign up Genius for food donations for Parent-teacher Conferences.
  - By-Laws
    - Dana will send By-Laws on to the State
  - Audit
    - Still waiting on approval
- VI. Old Business
  - School Carnival – February 20, 2015
    - Decorations/Door Contest – Jaimee Gleisner
    - Baskets and Silent Auction – We need more Arts and Crafts, otherwise all the other baskets are looking great!
    - Food – Pizza, popcorn, bottled water and lemonade.
    - Signs – Mary Sheldon
    - Games
    - Volunteers – Katie has 17 Sorority Girls that will be there to help out. We also will have another sorority present and a Fraternity as well. A sign up Genius will be sent out asking for Parent volunteers.
    - Tickets – There will be a VIP Program to sell tickets in advance. Each child who gets VIP tickets will also get special treatment. Free popcorn and tattoos were discussed.
- VII. New Business
  - Yankee Candle Fundraiser – February 26<sup>th</sup> through March 16<sup>th</sup>
    - We get 40% of sales
  - Yearbooks – orders due on March 16<sup>th</sup>
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Attendance: Molly Pankau, Laura Lyon, Kristi Gresch, Scott Dowds, Ronda Holliman, Mark Kirkland, Katie Madigan, Melissa Dowds, Martha Churukian, Sandy Cooper, Jaimee Gleisner, Rebecca Wiltfong, and Dana Perez