

Thomas Paine PTA Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2015

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dana Perez at 6:30 PM.
- II. Minutes from March 16, 2015 were approved
- III. Principal Report
 - Next week, we will begin our end of year benchmarking for 2nd-5th. The first week in May we will do PARCC again. This time we have only 3 sessions.
 - There is a TP parent who would like to share some information with you regarding a school garden, looking at sustainability, sensory, living classroom.
 - Calendar is getting full.
 - Science Fair May 5 and 7 for primary and intermediate respectively. 6:30 – 7:30.
 - 4th graders – Mrs. LaPlant, Norwood and Mrs. Martin’s 4th graders will be going to Springfield on May 8,
 - 5th grade EOY trip is May 20 to a Peoria baseball game.
 - May 21st – we are going to try out the CU safe route to school bike rodeo for students in Mrs. Ryan’s and Mrs. Martin’s classes. This may be something we expand next year.
 - May 22 – Fun and Field Day
 - May 26 – Kindergarten promotion at 1:30
 - May 28 – Last day of school.
 - AR assembly at 9:30 with 5th grade promotion at 1:30
- IV. Teachers Report – Mrs. Ryan
 - Mrs. Ryan discussed the 5th grade field trip to see the Bloomington Corn Belters.
- V. Executive Committee Reports
 - I. President – Dana
 - Our By-laws FINALLY have the stamp of approval.
 - We are looking at starting a Thomas Paine PTA website. The executive board will get this started. We are looking for someone to keep it updated.
 - Planning for the future – We want to provide TP with an accessible playground. We are looking at grants and for people who might be willing to write a grant.
 - II. Vice President – Scott
 - Chili's fundraiser – We are looking at the month of August. Our fundraiser can be as long as 2-6 weeks. We just need to fill out a to request a time frame. 20% of the food purchased will go back to TP and individuals can go numerous times if they want.
 - III. Vice President – Katie
 - School Supplies fundraiser – We will plan on sending a flier out before the end of the school year. Parents will be able to write a check and purchase the school supplies at registration.
 - IV. Treasurer – Melissa
 - We reimbursed Laura Lyon for the water bottles and inflatables for Fun and Field Day.
 - We paid the last installment for AR to the amount of \$312 added to the \$800 that we've already paid.

- Mrs. Ryan is requesting \$200 for a 5th grade field trip to Bloomington. The PTA voted to approve this.
- Funding request for Secretary Day to Recognize Vickie and Shawn and all of the hard work they do for us. \$50 gift certificate for each was voted on and approved by the PTA.

VI. Committee Reports

- Market Day grocery pick up is this Friday. May pick up will be the last day of School.
- Hospitality – Ronda
 - Teacher appreciation week is the first week of May.
 - PTA agreed to buy a Kuerig for the teachers for the Maximum amount of \$120.
 - We will provide a breakfast Wednesday morning for the teachers and a Salad bar on Friday for lunch.
- By-Laws
 - By-Laws have been approved.
- Audit
 - Audit committee was established as Brian Ogolsky, Kristi Gresch and Susan Coppess.

VII. Old Business

- Yankee Candle made profits of \$2500.
- Yearbooks have gone out. We do have additional yearbooks for \$16.
- We discussed having an Applebee's pancake breakfast twice next year. We could have one of them on October 31st and the kids could dress up for Halloween. We could then sell tickets at read and treat.
- Fun and Field Day will be on May 22nd. Laura has ordered the snow cone machine and the inflatables. A sign up genius will be sent out for volunteers.

VIII. New Business

- We want to get an Enrichment program off the ground next year. We need an Enrichment committee
- Grant Writing Committee – Linda Gibbons is the grant writer for Urbana school district. She can scope out grants. Scott Frailey and Susan Coppess have agreed to start this committee.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Attendance: Laura Lyon, Kristi Gresch, Scott Dowds, Ronda Holliman (Conference call on speaker phone), Katie Madigan, Melissa Dowds, Jared Lofrano, Heather McKeever-Murphy, Sandy Cooper, Dana Perez, Rebecca Wiltfong, Lisa Stumpf, Brian Ogolsky and Timarie Ryan.