

## Thomas Paine PTA Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2014

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dana Perez at 6:30 PM.
  - Welcomes and Introductions
  - Minutes from September 15, 2014 were approved
- II. Principal Report
  - Last week on Thursday and Friday, Thomas Paine students and staff welcomed two marvelous writers to our school. Barb Rosenstock and Keiko Kasza spoke to the students about being an author and what inspires them. Students created and participated in special classroom projects to honor the authors' work and even had the opportunity to ask the authors questions.
  - Friday, we had a no ODR assembly. We recognized students who have not had an office discipline referral for the first quarter. Mrs. Cooper recognized 275 students or 89% of our students meeting expectations about respect, responsibility and safety.
  - Thursday, we participated in the Great Central US shakeout. We had a drill with sound effects about what to do if there were an earthquake. Students and staff did a great job.
  - Picture Day went well. Thanks to all of you who volunteered and got classes to the gym. It was also walk to school day so we had the buses drop off at Kinch and Florida and parade back to school.
  - Going back to the first of the month, we recognized by grade level students who consistently demonstrated the character trait of the month (respect). It was a wonderful event. Pictures are displayed in the front display case by the library. We will continue to do this throughout the year for each character trait.
  - Looking ahead – Read and Treat - Thursday the 23rd from 6:00 – 7:25.
  - Friday, October 25, Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Martin's class will be at Krannert Art Museum for an all day arts infusion called Kam-Wam.
  - Parent Teacher conferences on Tuesday, October 28 from 4:00 -8:00 and Thursday, October 30 from 4:00 – 7:00.
  - No School on Friday, October 31st.
- III. Teachers Report
  - Veteran's Day is November 11, 2014 and school will be in session.
  - There will be a tribute to Veteran's and their families at the school that afternoon.
- IV. Executive Committee Reports
  - I. President – Dana
    - Activities
      - Monical's Day – Spring
      - Hickory River – November
      - Applebee's – April (Saturday AM)
      - School Carnival Date???? February and April
    - Looking for Committee Members
      - By Laws Committee – Laura Lyon, Scott Frailey, and Rebecca Wiltfong
      - Audit Committee – Mark Kirkland (Chairman), Sandy Cooper, and Emily Shafer
      - Request Forms need to be submitted the week before a PTA meeting
  - II. Vice President – Scott

- Movie Night-Kids will be surveyed to decide what movie we will watch
    - Lego Movie
    - Croods
    - How to Train Your Dragon 2
  - Need volunteers to set up, make popcorn and hand out pizza and beverages
  - If you're using Meijer card, please be sure to contact Meijer and get your card linked to Thomas Paine
- III. Vice President – Katie
- PTA 101-It's not all about fund-raising. We can be advocates.
  - Katie will be sending out a survey soon asking parents what they'd like to see the PTA do.
- IV. Treasurer – Melissa
- We currently have over \$11,000, although we still need to pay the Market Day Fund raiser.
- V. Committee Reports
- Market Day – Coming on Thursday. We need help to organize packages at 3:45 and then to deliver to classrooms at 5:30.
    - We had 73 participants and made over \$4,000.
  - Hospitality – Ronda
    - We haven't gotten a firm commitment from restaurants for meals for teachers during parent teacher conferences. If none of the restaurants commit, parents will need to supply food for teachers.
  - Applebee's – Heather
    - Pancake breakfast will be on April 11, 2015.
- VI. Old Business
- Illinois/National PTA registration Status-We now have 25 members!!!! Members should receive cards by the next meeting.
  - Parent's Evening Out
    - We currently have 10 parent volunteers.
    - We'd like to have 10-15 high school students also there to help out.
    - If high schoolers don't work out, we can check with the sorority that provides child care during PTA meetings.
  - Grant Research-We have a parent volunteer checking into getting a grant for playground equipment.
- VII. New Business
- Concerned Citizens of Urbana – Laura
  - Mrs. Cooper requests \$100 to help support PBIS t-shirts.
    - A motion was passed and approved to cover the short fall of the PBIS t-shirts.
  - Haddock Sales Representative
- VIII. The meeting was Adjourned at 7:23 PM by President Dana Perez.

Attendance: Kristi Gresch, Scott Dowds, Melissa Dowds, Katie Madigan, Ronda Holliman, Mark Kirkland, Laura Lyon, Heather McKeever-Murphy, Scott Frailey, Jeff Kacmarmaster, Emily Shafer, Sandy Cooper, Stephanie Darrelson, Rebecca Wiltfong, and Dana Perez