

## Thomas Paine PTA Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2014

I. The meeting was called to order by Dana Perez at 6:30 PM.

### II. Principal Report

- Mrs. Sandy Cooper welcomed the group to the meeting. She announced that Thomas Paine has 311 students this year. This is up about 22 students. Our class size is between 21 – 24 across the school.
- PBIS – STAR Student and Staff together achieving results. We are recognizing leading stars: students who consistently demonstrate the integrity. We give 2 star tickets to individuals showing the character trait of the month. One supports the classroom goal and one goes home to show parents. This month is respect. October is integrity. Classrooms have the same weekly goal with an overall school goal of 6000 by first quarter – October 17.
- First 20 days - Interventionists and teacher assistants have been pushing in to support classroom teachers in establishing routines/small group work/etc.
- Curriculum Nights are coming up this week on Tuesday 9/16 for K/1, Wednesday 9/17 for grades 2/3, and on Thursday 9/18 for grades 4/5. Please meet in the classrooms from 6:30 to 7:30.
- October 8, 2014 is school Picture Day.
- Parent/Teacher conferences are a little different this year. They will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, in the evening from 4-8, and Thursday, October 30th, from 4-8 as well. There will be no school on October 31st.
- Read and Treat will be on October 23rd at 6:30 PM. This is a fun event during which the kids can wear their costumes to school. Staff members open their rooms and read a Halloween story. Cookies and milk will be served and there will be a parade.
- There will be school on Veteran's Day this year. There will be a celebration to honor veterans in student's families.

III. Teacher's Report – Ms. Timarie Ryan is a 5th grade teacher. She wants to help out with the connection between teachers and families.

### IV. Officer Reports and introductions

#### I. Treasurer - Melissa Dowds

IV.I.I. We have almost \$5,000 for a starting balance.

IV.I.II. We've already paid for the first installment for AR.

IV.I.III. The motion was passed to pay \$533.93 for the AR Tests

IV.I.IV. During the school supply fundraiser, the PTA raised about \$300. It was a big success!

#### II. Secretary – Kristi Gresch

#### III. Vice President – Katie Madigan

IV.III.I. The school supply shopping fundraiser was very successful. We had 31 orders. Next year we could use a company like SchoolKidz. They would customize a school supply order specific to our lists for each specific grade. There are several companies that do this.

#### IV. Vice President – Scott Dowds

- IV.IV.I. Movie Night- Several parent's made the suggestion for The Lego Movie for movie night this year. Another parent suggested surveying the kids to find out what movie most of the student's want to watch.
- V. President – Dana Perez
  - IV.V.I. Dana discussed volunteer opportunities and sent out a list for parents to sign up. We need volunteer's for Movie Night, Hospitality, Coke rewards, the Shnuck's Program, and School Carnival.
  - IV.V.II. The school's volunteer coordinator is Angie Armstrong.
- V. New Business
  - I. 2014-2015 Proposed Budget was voted on and approved.
  - II. 2014-2015 School/PTA calendar was passed out.
  - III. Renewal for Liability insurance which is \$160 was voted on and approved.
  - IV. Social Worker, Beth Hand, requested \$60 for a student in need of an eye exam. This was voted on and approved.
  - V. Illinois/National PTA registration Status - Dana spoke about PTA membership fees of \$5.
  - VI. Our Hospitality Coordinator is Rhonda( Coleman?)
    - V.VI.I. We may need parent volunteers to donate food for Parent/Teacher conferences.
    - V.VI.II. Another idea is to ask a restaurant for a donation
      - V.VI.II.I. Chipotle
      - V.VI.II.II. Texas Road House
      - V.VI.II.III. Buffalo Wild Wings
  - VII. Our Market Day Coordinator is Melissa Bauer
    - V.VII.I. This is our biggest fundraiser by far.
    - V.VII.II. The deadline for Market Day this year is September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - VIII. Parent's Evening Out - Melissa Dowds
    - V.VIII.I. It will be on a Friday evening in December from 6-9PM
    - V.VIII.II. We will provide a meal and there will be crafts and games.
    - V.VIII.III. It will be offered to Thomas Paine students only grades K-5.
- VI. All of those present Introduced themselves
- VII. Other school needs were discussed, including updating promethium boards and new playground equipment.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

In Attendance: Ronda Coleman, Emily Shafer, Sandy Cooper, Dana Perez, Paige Waggner, Kristi Gresch, Laura Lyon, Melissa Dowds, Scott Dowds, Timarie Ryan, Beth Hand, Brian Ogolsky, Katie Madigan, Lisa Stumpf, Melissa Bauer