

PARENT GROUP MEETING NOTES

February 9, 2010

In attendance: Jo Ann Muth, Patty Rydahl, Gina Bova, Connie Cercone, John Nader, Ray Smith, Shelley Petty, Liz Andrzejewski

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balances- The treasurer reported a balance of \$10,859.26.
 - b. Valentine's Dance- The 2010 Valentine's Dance donations totaled \$397.00. The total expense was \$168.96. The total net profit for the Valentine's Dance was \$ 228.00. (Note: Positive comments were made about the event- "DJ Dave did a great job." Total of 240 people attended. Pictures were taken and will be provided free of charge.)
- 3) Old Business
 - a. Christmas Bazaar- Janie reported having only a few items left-over. She also noted that a lot of boxes have been collected since the bazaar. At the meeting, people were assigned the following responsibilities: Glennis- bake sale, Pam- replacement items, Judy- gifts, Janie- plan and arrange. A proposal was made to eliminate confusion and all the papers sent home by creating a Christmas Bazaar Packet to contain all information and forms regarding the bazaar. This packet should be sent out around Thanksgiving. Ideas for the upcoming bazaar included: changing the gift wrap location to the front gross motor room, displaying "gift wrap here" signs in the hall and gym, getting more dog biscuits to sell from Julia Leach, getting more recycled gift tags and cards from Stephanie Surma, and making an announcement to all adults to emphasize that shopping starts after 1PM. Connie also requested for receipts to be turned in within 1 month of the purchase date.
 - b. Legislative Action Update- There are many things being discussed in Lansing however no definitive action has been taken.
 - c. Literacy Kits Update- Gina Bova presented information and examples. She explained there is a committee that is represented from each disability category that is working on the literacy kits. It is anticipated the kits would cost no more than \$7.00 a kit. They will be making approximately 65 kits and would be given to each student age 6. They are looking at distributing the kits this fall. The kits would be given at the IEP, and are to be kept at home. The parent group agreed to pay for the first set, and it was discussed that each year after that might get paid for through one designated fundraiser.
 - d. Theme Dinner- Will be held on March 23 at 6:00PM. Liz will draft the invitations and send to all staff and families by March 2. We will request an RSVP by March 16. The Easter themed event will cost \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. We will need a bunny suit (ask Vernetta about borrowing hers or one will be purchased through the parent group) and

supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt. Close the gym for that day and ask classes to decorate it.

- e. Boy Scouts- A Boy Scout group is being looked into.
- f. Family Fun Day- Date will be May 21st with a rain date of May 28th.
- g. Pizza Sale- is going on this month.

4) New Business

- a. SPLASH- Julie and Gina are heading the committee to plan. SPLASH is a foundation that provides a grant of \$5.00 per student (\$1,500 total) to schools creating events that support healthy living, healthy choices, and healthy eating. Ideas for the event include: informational stations such as county programs and dental stations, inclusion of physical activities, health scavenger hunt, and healthy foods. Healthy, but relatable foods would be provided like: frozen yogurt sundaes, carrot cakes, and baked chips.
- b. Burger King Fundraiser- was voted down
- c. Community Days (Parisian Program) - Liz will get 100 books and Patty will be in charge of selling them.

5) Future Business

- a. Communication Workshop will be in April- the date will be determined by our speech therapists who will be presenting.
- b. Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

6) Future Schedule:

March	Upland Hills 3/26/10
	Theme Dinner 3/23/10
April	Communication Workshop
May	Family Fun Day 5/21/10
	Staff Appreciation Lunch 4/21/10

NEXT MEETING: March 9th at 7pm