

Candia Parent Teacher Organization General Membership Meeting Minutes Tuesday March 10, 2009

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order in the music room of the Henry W. Moore School at 7:00pm. An attendance list is available.

Public Input: Emily Roster suggested that we no longer hold the PTO meeting the first Tues of each month as the school board meets the 1st Thurs. People might not be able to attend 2 meetings in one week and we could then offer an update from the school board mtg. Emily did report that at the last school board meeting, the NECAP results were reported and we have gone up in math but reading has dropped.

Questions arose about Science Camp to 5th grade teacher Deb Raiche. This year both 5th and 6th grade students will be going but it will be a 5th grade trip in the future because the GLE's have been rewritten and Science Camp matches better to the 5th grade curriculum. The fund raising ideas for science camp include cookie dough (before Thanksgiving) grow flowers, bead bracelets (art projects) and selling Mums.

Deb Raiche asked that the money budgeted for the Museum of Science Overnight be transferred to Science Camp to help with camp scholarships. The overnight at the museum is not happening in 5th grade anymore and we had allocated funds already to that program. Jenn Patrick made a motion, seconded by Tami Baker, to spend \$425 on Science Camp. The vote was unanimous.

Website: A very special thank you to Catherine Sangillo for updating the PTO website. We will meet as a board on Wed March 25th at 7pm to finalize the website. The following items need to be sent to Catherine by March 20th so she has time to update them. Calendar: Tami, Event descriptions: Stacey, How to get involved: Kris, Mission Statement: Emily, Budget: Jodi, By Laws: Emily, Permission slips, newsletters and minutes: Tami.

Mother's Day/Father's Day: The PTO offers a photo gift each year for Mother's and Father's Days. This year we will do a bookmark. Emily will begin working on something to share at the next meeting.

Spring Craft: The PTO will be offering a spring craft on Tues April 21 and Wed April 22 after school. We will begin looking for ideas to bring to the next mtg.

Movie Night: The PTO will be showing High School Musical 3 on March 13. We will be offering slices of pizza for \$1 and glow sticks for free. We will begin at 6:30 with the movie starting at 7pm. There will be a dancing area roped off for those that want to get up.

Teacher Appreciation Week: PTO will be celebrating our great staff during Teacher Appreciation Week May 4-8th. Mon: Breakfast, Tues: Stop and Write for 15 min, Wed: Women's Club, Thurs: Girl Scouts, Friday: lunch. We will ask for donations for the breakfast and lunch to keep costs minimal. Students will write 2 cards on Tues, one to their homeroom teacher and one to their specials teacher that they have that day. Special education students may choose to write to their special ed teachers.

Turn Off TV Week: This is April 20-24th. We are trying to get Sean McDaniel to perform his balloon show during that week. We will need to sell tickets ahead of time and will serve ice cream afterwards. Tami will contact him and try for April 23 or 24. He will donate his services but we will need to pay \$50 for his supplies.

Read Across America Week: The school really enjoyed all the extra activities that the PTO helped provide that week. We did Stop and Read, reading rockers, book bingo, guest readers, Marty Kelly (author) and Milk and Cookies Night.

Secretary's Report: Accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as written. We have approximately \$5100 in savings and \$1000 in checking.

The meeting ended at 8:12pm.

The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday April 7, 2009.