

**Galway ES PTA
General Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 by Stephen Morina.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes for January and February were both approved as distributed.

PRINCIPAL & ASST PRINCIPAL Shahid Muhammad

Mr. Muhammad requested that parents have children get to school on time the first two weeks in April for the MSA testing in grades 3-5. The staffing allocations will be discussed at the April PTA meeting. Thursday, March 13 at the Wizzards game, Galway will get \$100 per point for the high scorer. Tickets are available for \$10.

TREASURER - Debbie VanDemark - report attached

MCCPTA Delegates

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cultural Arts – The PTA is sponsoring a Cultural Arts Assembly featuring Groove Nation on March 7 (Grades 3-4) and on March 14 (K-1 and grades 4-5). Groove is the basis of all American pop/dance music. Groove Nation features four musicians who play a multitude of instruments and musical styles including West African, hip-hop, swing, and bossa nova. Students learn how to originate a groove and jam on stage with the band!

Family Heritage Night

Galway Guides – The project team has been very active over the past month. Recent accomplishments include, translating a MSA information sheet, Parent Connection and math fact sheets into 5 languages. Sending flyers to ESOL families about the Feb & March PTA meeting. A school wide survey has been translated and will be sent out to all families. More materials are being prepared for translations this month and there will be a workshop next month on community resources

Grocery Receipts & Box Tops – \$296 of box tops were submitted in February. Thanks to the families who've sent them in and the teachers for helping with the collection. The PTA will be sponsoring an ice cream or pizza party for the upper and lower grade class

that submitted the most box tops.

Membership – If you haven't joined the PTA consider doing so.

Social – Galway's Annual Bingo Night is scheduled for April 18th 7:00 – 9:00. The committee chair needs several volunteers to help at the event and also to help with snack & gift purchases before the event. Student volunteers are needed to create posters for the event.

Yearbook – Advance sales ended in February. Regular sales begin in March

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Feedback on kindergarten testing process - Ms Sabatino presented the views of the kindergarten teachers of the three proposed ways to accomplish the testing at the beginning of the year in response to an MCCPTA request of parent opinion. Kim Jones was going to check why parents are asked for input when the school was unaware of the three options being considered.

Supplies to teachers – hand sanitizers(if needed) & tissues distributed to all classrooms

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Mr . Muhammad gave a presentation on the Maryland School Assessment(MSA) & Terra Nova testing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Calendar of upcoming events:

March 7th & 14th – Cultural Arts assembly – Groove Nation

April 18th – Bingo Night

April 1st – PTA Meeting (7:00 – 8:00)

April 1st - Galway Guides/ County Resource Information Session (6:00 – 7:00)

April 24th & 25th – Kindergarten Orientation

