

Galway Elementary PTA  
Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2005

CALL TO ORDER at 7: 07 p.m. by PTA Co-President Criss Talsania

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March minutes were approved as distributed in a motion by Criss Talsania that "wasn't a motion".

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Criss relayed kind words for Ms. Ffolkes from the staff for the support and respect she has given them.

Sandy mentioned that after substituting for a day at another school, how much she appreciated the teachers and administration of Galway ES.

Criss said that the PTA Reimbursement Form will be modified to include a line for approval signature by the committee chairs. If you have a time critical reimbursement a PTA officer may sign for the committee chair if necessary.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

The first Family Book Night is April 6 with additional ones on April 27 and May 18. Last year they were well attended. The Reading Specialist, Karen Brown and First Grade Team Leader, Mrs. Duvall will be attending. If you didn't get an invitation and want to go, call the school and leave a message for Karen Brown.

Galway Renovation - the use of Fairland as a holding facility is of concern for several reasons including: the need for 2 story semi-permanent portables; capacity of the driveway; and the timing of the Route 29 construction.

Gifted and Talented testing will begin next week for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade.

Staffing - the draft staffing for next year has an increase of 1 teacher. For next year we will have 6 Kindergarten classes, 6 First grade, 6 Second grade, 5 Third grade, 4 Fourth grade, and 5 Fifth grade classes. The population is projected at 669. Kindergarten is projected to have 16 children in each class. We will get an additional portable.

Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Soutar, and Mrs. McPeck have said they are going to retire. Mrs. Plummer is going to take a leave of absence next year.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

The parking lot parent focus group will meet on April 13 at 4pm in the Media Center. The playground rules will be distributed via the list-serv.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Field Days are coming up.

#### TREASURERS' REPORT:

We have a budget surplus because of the OUTSTANDING job that the Ways and Means committee did with the Sally Foster fundraiser.

Ms. Ffolkes will notify the staff that April 30 is the last day we will accept Welcome Back Money submissions.

FLES we need to make the annual payment and next year do a better job getting class dates and times communicated before parents make non-refundable payments.

The yearbook deposit has been made.

#### MCCPTA DELEGATES' REPORT:

Cathryn Herrfurth said that she was in favor of an additional MCCPTA Vice President in charge of Legislative Affairs. The MCCPTA is looking into having PE in the curriculum every day.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating: The proposed slate of officers for next year are:

Co-Presidents - Gina Lowe and Debbie Van Demark

Vice President - Susan Payton

Treasurers - Nina Grigsby-Barnes & Sharon Ruckdeschel

Corresponding Secretary Monica Turnbo

Recording Secretary - vacant

MCCPTA Delegates- Laurie Holman and one vacant position

The Recording Secretary job is about a 3 hour a month commitment attending the PTA meeting, writing and distributing the minutes. The MCCPTA Delegates jobs are to attending the MCCPTA meeting in Rockville the fourth Tuesday of the month and relaying concerns. The MCCPTA delegates learn a great deal about the functioning of the school system as a whole. If you are interested in or have questions about either position, please contact Karen Mills.

NE Consortium: The impact of the ICC on schools may not have been given much thought previously. Drew ES will be within 100 yards of corridor 1.

MCCPTA is very concerned about a Maryland State Board of Education (BOE) proposal which would lump PTAs with all other civic groups and remove requirements for interactions with parents and PTAs.

Hands On Science: K-1 and 2-3 classes will start April 14.

Heritage Night: Information was distributed on a Multicultural Literary Expo on June 4.

Year Book: Sold 261 with goal of 251. Ordered 276 so we still have 15 more copies. We will announce the 5<sup>th</sup> grade ice cream party winner for selling the most number of yearbooks. The 75% deposit was made.

Kindergarten Orientation: Karen Mills is still needs a few more volunteers for this Thursday and Friday.

Staff Luncheon: Gail is in good shape except a 5<sup>th</sup> grade outing got scheduled for the same day. We will see that something is done for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team. Criss reminded people that we will need help with the Welcome Back Breakfast in August.

Social: Bingo on April 15 is sold out. Gail Wolff and her husband made pins for the volunteers to wear.

Field Day: Lee proposed ordering and selling tee shirts.

Cultural Arts: Kevin Reese is scheduled for April 20 and Joe Romano for May 25.

Book Fair: Spring Book Fair on target with delivery on May 9 and sales on May 10 & 11. Will distribute a volunteer sign-up sheet at May PTA meeting. Jo requested that teachers provide wish lists for books they would like for their classrooms. Tammie McClain and Peggy McGovern will assist Jo Talley this spring do next fall.

Volunteers: Leela sent word that the volunteer hours books have been updated in the front office.

Membership: Sold all 240 membership cards.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Ffolkes said that Galway will be implementing the Baldrige business model to handle goal setting and improvement. There are two all day training sessions on May 16 and 17 in Rockville that interested parent(s) could attend and a session on May 23 at Galway for staff.

Lee Slezak made a motion that was passed unanimously that we approve an additional \$500 for a Cultural Arts assembly on June 3, a new budget line item for Family Night Math and an expense for this year's Math Night of \$13.48.

Announcements:

Bingo Night: April 15

Volunteer Luncheon April 20

Secretaries Day April 27

Spring Pictures April 27

April 28th is Take Your Child To Work Day.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon: May 3

Next PTA Meeting: May 3

Year-End Choral Concert /PTA Meeting: June 7

ADJOURNMENT moved by Debbie Van Demark at 8:33 pm and passed unanimously.