

**Galway ES PTA**  
**Meeting Minutes 04/04/06**

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Ladies and gentlemen: thank you for your dedication to our students and school by being here, and by giving your time to our many projects

CALL TO ORDER at 7:05

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes were approved on a motion by Joyce. Thanks to Cathryn for taking the minutes of the March meeting.

REPORTS

President: Debbie thanked everyone for coming and thanked Tammie and Debra for coordinating Bingo night and Kindergarten orientation.

Principal: 97 kindergarten students have been registered so far with a projection of 99 for the new school year. This is a 1-16 student/teacher ratio. Ms. Prue said that the numbers will be monitored closely and a request will be made for additional teachers if the numbers increase.

Global screening for GT in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. County will get information out to parents. Assessments 1<sup>st</sup> week of May. Cheryl Hutchinson is the staff coordinator for Gifted and Talented.

Asst. Principal: Testing went well and make ups were done quickly. Tech update is on schedule for summer

Treasurer: Nina presented the Treasurer's report. She recommended that the reserve be increased to \$5000 to allow the PTA to support programs until fund raising funds are available.

Use of excess reserve funds - Discussion ensued on how to use the excess funds. A vote was taken and passed to add \$500 into the principal's discretionary fund to be used for field trips for students who can't afford the cost. Other suggestions for consideration to be discussed further: help with supplies (composition, agenda books, hand sanitizer, etc.); scholarships for FLES, HOS, piano; a later activity bus, popsicles for Field Day; book for each child at end of year. To address the question of school supplies that each student brings at the start of the school year, Ms. Longnecker will provide information at the next meeting on what is needed as classroom supplies and what each child needs to bring. Some supplies can be obtained from the county. Ms. Prue stated that 45-50 new chairs have been delivered to the 1<sup>st</sup> grades. She will put in a request for additional new chairs and desks for 2007. For the May treasurer's report, Nina needs a check request from Patrols for the ponchos and a \$100 check will be given to Galway for Mr. Riddle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Modernization – A group of teachers including Ms. Brice and parents visited the Fairland site. It looks a lot like Galway from the inside. The lot is larger than it appears from the street. There are 13 portables outside. Parking would be a problem, not enough space for parent drop off. More students will have to be bused. Ms. Prue said that Facilities knows that parking and transportation is an issue and will come up with options.

Ways & Means – Proposed Fundraiser – Amy Way co-chair stated that the committee looked at 3 alternate vendors to Sally Foster and a decision was made to go with Cherrydale. The benefits of Cherrydale were presented. Amy and Chris are willing to continue to help with the fund raiser however, they need non-working parents to help pick up envelopes and launch the fundraiser at the teachers meeting. After much discussion, the decision to use Cherrydale was approved on a motion by Cathryn Herrufurth.

Discipline – Alternate Structure (detention) to start after Spring Break, and revised Discipline Policy will go home on April 7. Parents were involved in April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Galway Discipline committee.

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Beautification - Cammie thanked Mr & Mrs. Conlan who donated the services of their landscaping staff to clean up, mulch and trim the shrubs around Galway. They plan to also work on the Teachers and Kindergarten areas.

Yearbook – 270 books sold so far. Class parties to take place in May. Mrs. Mutchler, pizza party & Mr. Burd, ice cream party.

OLD BUSINESS

Principal Selection Panel – Interview process will take place on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Melvin Jones to meet with interested individuals after the meeting to provide some insight from his experience on a principal selection panel. Also, Debbie to distribute the list of questions that Kim Jones accumulated from MCCPTA site as well as questions provided by other PTA members.

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar:

April 7 – Larry Points Cultural Arts Assembly

April 21 – Heritage Night

May 19 – Square Dance (will probably be changed to a different event)

May 10 – Staff Appreciation Luncheon

June 6 – Spring Concert & PTA General Meeting with Election

Volunteer Lunch - Leela will confirm the date

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.