

Galway Elementary PTA
Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2005

CALL TO ORDER at 7: 02 p.m. by PTA Co-President Criss Talsania

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The April minutes were approved as distributed in a motion by Lee Slezak.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

This is our last PTA meeting of the year for conducting committee business. Thank you to all who helped with Bingo Night and the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Thank-you for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. We are doing the third reading assessment of the year in grades: K,1,&2. Grades 3,4 & 5 are also doing an assessment and spring scores will be compared with those from the fall. The assessments will be used to assign children for classes for next year. In preparation for using the Baldrige system to set school goals and a mission statement, there will be all day training on May 16 & 18 in which parents are encouraged to attend. May 23 from 4-6pm will be Baldrige training for all Galway staff. Galway Renovation - increasing construction costs have caused MCPS to shift priorities and the Galway ES renovation is now a lower priority. Ann Carson suggested that a Galway parent step up and assume the Paint Branch Coordinator role. Criss Talsania will put her email response on the Galway Listserv.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

We are trying out the new cone system for the Parent Drop-off in the morning.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Need 4th grade parents to help plan the 5th grade celebration. Thanks for the luncheon.

TREASURERS' REPORT: was distributed

MCCPTA DELEGATES' REPORT:

Voted for 2 resolutions to support the new PE curriculum and to work toward increasing the frequency of PE at the elementary level.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating: Recording Secretary position is still vacant as is one of the MCCPTA Delegates positions. Kim Jones volunteered later in the meeting to fill the remaining MCCPTA position.

The Recording Secretary job is about a 3 hour a month commitment attending the PTA meeting, writing and distributing the minutes.

NE Consortium: The Middle School audit was completed and things are not consistent around the county. They asked that parents continue to support the Middle School PTAs. The High School preferred choice system may change its implementation. In response to concern that BOE is considering changing the special status of PTAs in regards to notification and comment, Debra Van Demark proposed a motion that was passed to write a letter stating our opposition to the change.

Social: Bingo Night went well.

Ways and Means: Gloria and Laurie will help next year but not chair the committee. We will do Sally Foster next year.

Newsletter: will be distributed the last Friday in May and the deadline is May 6.

Beautification: Is having a clean-up day this Saturday at 9 AM. Galway Boy Scouts repainted the Kindergarten blacktop.

Field Day: 278 orders have been received for 361 tee shirts.

Cultural Arts: Joe Romano is scheduled for May 25 and Almost Recess for June 3.

Book Fair: Tammie McClain and Peggy McGovern will assist Jo Talley this spring and will do next fall. Set-up is at 3:00 and opens at 3:30 and a volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

Kindergarten Orientation: Karen thanked the volunteers and transitioned responsibility to Tammie McClain. A new camera will be purchased to take photographs of new Kindergartners.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ways and Means raised 18K and we budgeted 12K. The following budget requests were discussed and approved in a motion by Monica Turnbo.

Family Book Night for snacks - 150
Student Government for recess equipment- 400
Summer Welcome Back - 4,200
Agenda Books - 1,373

Total - 6,123

It was noted that Welcome Back reimbursement requests would need to be in by October 31, 2005.

Announcements:

Need dates for next year from Committee Chairs and for award assemblies and field trips

Need next year budget requests from committee chairs prior to June meeting.

Urgent Need for volunteers to full the Ways and Means committee

Year-End Choral Concert /PTA Meeting: June 7

Blue notes are now on the Galway ES website

Galway PTA website is current and easy to use

ADJOURNMENT moved by Debbie Van Demark at 8:40 pm and passed unanimously.