

CHARLES CAMPAGNE PTA
Minutes of General Meeting
March 11, 2008

The meeting was called or order at 7:35pm. The January and February minutes were approved by Bridget Selock and Kathy Marotta.

Treasurers Report – The balance in the checking account as of 2/29 is \$17,122.77 and the balance in the savings account as of 2/29 is \$3,287.60.

Teachers Report – Kindergarten will have a small party during snack time. 1st grade begins math speed tests, Dental Health Unit, and Puppet Book Reports. 2nd grade will be going to the circus on Thursday, March 13th. 3rd grade is starting a Science Unit on Buoyancy. They are working on Biography book reports. The children did a wonderful job with their science fair projects. The teachers encourage the students to practice multiplication facts and read toward our 25 book goal every night. 4th grade is getting ready for the state Science test in April. They are seeing Earth Balloon on 3/10/08. The teachers are so proud of their students – they worked hard on their state Math tests. 5th grade is going to Medieval Times, Thursday, April 3. They may bring ipods, electronic games, cameras and snacks, but no cell phones. Library news – Author visit on Wednesday, April 2nd. Mrs. Ivers is working with a group of 5th graders on the Mystery Place. They are using the Journey North Website to try to locate 10 hidden places around the world. It's like the Amazing Race and Carmen San Diego all rolled into one challenging project.

Announcements – In our Corner of Thanks, thank yous to Wellness, Newsletter, Nominating Committee, Book Fair, T-Shirt/Spirit week, E-Board, Board of Ed and Hospitality. Astronomy night is March 18th.

Standing Committees

Board of Ed – Astronomy night will be March 18th.

Compact for Learning – New healthier snacks which Aramark is now offering will be showcased at the Art Show. Four students were chosen to have their Art Work showcased at the Art Supervisors Association Exhibit that was held at Adelphi University. VFW Voice of democracy Essay contest winners will be receiving their awards tonight at a ceremony at Plainedge Middle School. PTA Wellness committee kicked off the 5 a day challenge. Building plans with regard to Full Day Kindergarten remain ahead of schedule. 81 students are currently enrolled for next year.

PTA Council – We received a \$100,000 grant for Full Day Kindergarten and \$50,000 for overhead projectors. They spoke about reducing class size in grades 4 and 5 from 28 to 26. The state is implementing a 5year plan for upkeep of the buildings. It will be proposed as a proposition in budget or a community vote each time.

Membership – We have 310 members.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Blood Drive – 69 pints were donated and 23 were from Campagne.

Community Service – We will be running a school supply drive sometime in the end of May with the John Theissen Foundation. They will distribute supplies to needy children by the end of the summer.

Fifth Grade Luncheon, Yearbook and Pens – The yearbook is pretty much done. We are working on the pens.

Fifth Grade Party & T-Shirts – Meeting soon to start planning the party.

Lip Sync – Practices have started. We need people for the parents act. Dvd forms and T-shirt forms are due.

PARP – Everyone loves the Ice Cream theme, working on calendar.

School Supplies – We spoke to Desktop and they have sent out the orders forms.

Wellness – Beginning 5 a day challenge. If you would like to see changes in the menu, please make a phone call. May is Allergy Awareness month. March 28th is bring a fruit to school day. Healthy snack sale May 7th at the Art Show.

New Business – Kids loved the Chicken Ceasar Salad demo.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.