

William F. Stanley PTO Meeting
Minutes
March 7, 2007

Reid Lyons called meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. 13 people in attendance

Secretary's report: Read and accepted by Eileen S. , seconded by Chris S.

Treasurer's Report: Read and accepted by Eileen S. , seconded by Chris S.

Updates:

Playground Committee: Susan reported that we have collected \$137,246 to date and we are short \$39,622 to install all poured in place instead of mulch. Planned fundraisers are raffles at International Night, raffles baskets etc... One more mailing to companies, a movie night tentatively scheduled for April 27th "Because of Winn Dixie". Also, there is a Readathon starting April 10th and there still is the "buy a brick" program available. The Chateau night raised \$896 and the last movie night \$300.

The committee has decided to postpone the building until after school is out. There are many reasons, among them possible weather problems, distractions to students. The playground will be ready by the opening of school in September.

Susan asked about the PTO donating money to Funway and asked for thoughts. It was decided that it should be put on the agenda for a VOTE at the next PTO meeting.

Diversity Committee: Maria announced that the language program has started with 2 classes and is going well.

International night scheduled for Friday, March 23rd. Flyer will be coming home with details.

The parent calling tree has started. There are 2 parents for each classroom calling all parents. Communications provide information about events at school as well as PTO meetings. Calls will be made once a month. You can choose a call or email.

Super Sundae: Kathy thanked the committee and all the volunteers who helped out that day. The event was very successful and we raised approx \$1900.

New Business:

Nomination Committee: We need committee members to bring forward nominations. Colette Brenner was nominated to chair.

A suggestion was made to send a letter to incoming kindergarten parents to invite them to the PTO meetings at the end of the year.

Principals Report:

Outdoor recess will begin soon in the bus lane. Since there is snow on the field this is an alternative just to get the children out in the fresh air.

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Parent calling tree is a great idea. Mrs. Pertuz thanked all the volunteers for a good job.

Recently the Stanley School celebrated Dr. Suess' 103rd Birthday. Guest readers came in and everyone read Dr Suess books.

The Stanley Crisis team had developed a "lock down" process. They have been very proactive in their safety efforts. There will be a drill soon and the parents will be informed.

On Monday March 12 visiting artist Michael LaFosse will be giving hands on demonstrations of "Origami" to all the classes throughout the day. There will also be a teacher workshop at 4:30 and a "Family Folding" event at 5:30. Michael is a world renowned Origami master. We also have an international origami exhibition on loan for the month of March in the glass cases by the gym.

MCAS – Mr. LeFort gave us the schedule for testing. Information will be coming home to each grade level and also posted in tidbits next week.

Open Discussion:

Eileen discussed a possible video for incoming parents explaining policies and providing information about some of the events held at the Stanley School.

Please send in any pictures you may have taken at events like:

Holiday Shopping, Bake Sale, International Night, Super Sundae etc.

Send pictures to Betsy Czarnowski with your name and they will be returned.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Eileen S. – seconded by Susan M. Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Hersey