

Lewisburg Elementary PSA Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2011

Those present: Katie Cavanagh, Dustin Dalton, Tera Fassero, Marie Haefner, Tara Humphrey, Alison Mannello, James Marshall, Tara Michaels, Marcy Nolan, Paula Reber, Maureen Starmack, Carmen Terry

The meeting was called to order at 7:11pm. The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Edits were recommended and the revised version of the November minutes will be posted on the PSA website. Tara Michaels motioned to accept the minutes and Carmen Terry seconded the motion.

Committee Reports:

Related Arts – no report

Newsletter – The deadline for submitting materials for the next newsletter is January 31.

Box Tops – no report

Cafeteria Help – A reminder email will be sent out asking volunteers to please sign up.

Fundraising – A few Spirit Wear t-shirts are still available. Paula Reber suggested that any leftover t-shirts be donated to Thrifty Threads.

Safe Schools Directory – Most omissions from the directory were the result of families not checking the appropriate box. The best response from families regarding the directory came from the August email and the fall email that was sent to those families who hadn't responded to anything yet. Marcey Nolan extended a huge thank you to the office staff for the very important role they played in this project. Moving forward, a reasonable chance to opt out of the directory will be given through announcements in the school handbook, the first PSA newsletter and Alert Now emails.

Building Coordinators – Ideas for Staff Appreciation Week are needed, so please forward them to the Kelly (Tera Fassero) and Linntown (Laurie Murphy) Building Coordinators.

Treasurer's Report:

More Spirit Wear sales and Directory sales were added to the bottom line. The expense amount found under "Grants" will be moved to "Unbudgeted Requests/Misc."

Principal Reports:

Linntown – Paula Reber expressed thanks for the Spirit Wear t-shirts.

The Pops Concert, a benefit concert that is the main fundraiser for the Provisional Fund, will be held at Bucknell on Tuesday, March 8 at 7pm. Starting at 6:30pm that night, help collecting donations at the door will be needed. Volunteers are offered the perk of choosing their concert seats early!

Women's History Month is coming up in March. One highlight is the five minute presentations made by mothers who dress up as characters representing noteworthy women throughout history. Volunteers for these presentations will be sought with the help of Laurie Murphy, Linntown Building Coordinator.

The 4th & 5th grade Children's Book Contest for Lewisburg and Mifflinburg used to be sponsored by the local AAUW. There is interest in bringing the contest back as early as April or May, but perhaps not until next year. Funding will be needed for book binding and reception costs. As for judges, the Union County chapter of Retired Teachers may be asked as well as AP English students.

Kelly – Dustin Dalton expressed thanks for the money raised through the Campus Theatre fundraiser.

He also thanked the PSA for its efforts in fulfilling funding requests.

Benchmark and DIBEL testing is coming up.

Kindergarten registration will be held in late April. PSA volunteers will be needed.

Old Business:

Grant Proposals –

(Mrs. Shannon) The grant proposal approved for the 3rd grade community service project assisted the children in making the attractive and informative doorway signs hung in the hallways of Kelly.

(Bullying Prevention Committee) Tera Fassero made a motion to accept the proposal for \$2800 to pay for the Kelly anti-bullying t-shirts. Carmen Terry seconded the motion. After a vote, the request was approved.

Tera Fassero made a motion to accept the proposal for up to \$1225 to reimburse Linntown for the anti-bullying t-shirts. Maureen Starmack seconded the motion. After a vote, the request was approved.

Book Drive – Rebekah Hause is still looking into the book drive she proposed at the November meeting.

Technology Grant Request – Marcey Nolan made a motion to accept the 3rd Grade Team's proposal for up to \$2000 to be used for headphones with microphones for laptops. James Marshall seconded the motion. After a vote, the request was approved. Rebekah Hause has researched the products. She will place the order and send the bill to PSA for payment.

Capri Sun Recycling – A trial day of collecting pouches for recycling was held. The project remains tabled for further discussion.

Bus Discussion – Valuable bussing information was presented at the November meeting by Ron Kabonick, Kathy Swope and Diana Mack. A link to the PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the PSA website along with the minutes from the meeting.

New Business:

Kelly Yearbook Coordinator – A Yearbook Coordinator for Kelly is needed ASAP. Interested volunteers should contact Tara Humphrey. The absolute deadline for the yearbook is March 15. 10 photos for each class are needed. Parent volunteers will come in during lunch and recess to take photos.

Bucknell Buddies Snack Request – Tara Michaels made a motion to accept the proposal to reimburse Bucknell Buddies for snack. Marcey Nolan seconded the motion. After a vote, the request was approved.

Grant request (Music Department) – Mrs. Zingone submitted a grant request for \$66.99 to purchase 16 recorders for 3rd graders unable to purchase their own instruments. Marcey Nolan made a motion to accept the proposal. Tara Michaels seconded the motion. After a vote, the request was approved.

AYSO Soccer Registration – Online registration for AYSO is ongoing through January 31, 2011.

Dragon Dash – February, 11, 2011 – The donation collection envelopes have been printed and will be distributed by January 21. The permission slip for the limo ride will be printed on the envelope. The PSA newsletter entry regarding the event has been submitted. Presentations to the classes will be done at Kelly on January 18 and at Linntown on January 20. Contributions will be due by noon on Thursday, February 10 to be considered for prizes. Money will still be accepted after that deadline, though. An email asking for volunteers at the dash will go out soon.

PSA Officers/Coordinators for 2011-2012 – To be considered for a PSA position for 2011-2012, please fill out the form and turn it in so that all the paperwork is in one place.

Tentative 2011-2012 School Calendar – Dr. DiRocco, District Superintendent, submitted a rough draft of the 2011-2012 school calendar. Make special note of the newly proposed Scheduled 2 Hour Delays. Any feedback regarding the draft can be forwarded to Dr. DiRocco.

Homework Guidelines – Next year guidelines regarding homework will be printed in the school handbook.

PSA Skating Party – This year's skating party is scheduled for Sunday, March 20 from 4:30-7pm. The entry "fee" will be children's books (new and/or gently used).

The next PSA meeting will be at 7pm on February 14, 2011 at Linntown.

Carmen Terry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm and Maureen Starmack seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie Cavanagh