E.S. Rhodes PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Attending: 15

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm. November minutes were presented and then motioned for approval by Julie Thorpe. Tina Ash seconded the minutes and a majority approved them.

**Treasurer's Report –**

We had incoming revenue from additional Membership, Box Tops, Holiday Gift Shop, the Health Walk and the 5th grade leaf raking for their 5th grade party. We also had expenses from Scholastic Magazines, Field Trips and for Reflections. Mrs. Florenz was looking for a check for Field Trip expenses.

**President's Report -**

**Teacher’s Grant** requests totaled $800 this year and will be distributed to:

Mrs. Arruda for 2 additional Chromebooks

Mrs. Florenz and Ms. Silva for Math Manipulatives

Mrs. Butler for A-Z subscription for reading enrichment, vocabulary, fluency and small group instruction- will be available for all teachers.

Recent Events- **The Holiday Gift Shop** did great this year, taking in $1441. Thank you Joanne Jones and all the helpers for the shop this year. Thanks to Nicole Gilbert for taking over the purchasing for next year. **Reflections** was a great success with 28 students participating and more than 60 + parents in attendance. We had 3 great judges this year- a RISD curator, an Illustrator and a RISD teacher. **The Giving Wreath** had great support this year; many of our own Rhodes families were receiving gifts from the Giving Wreath this year in addition to other CCAP families. We had some very happy parents expressing their gratitude.

Upcoming Events- **The Winter Dance** will be on Friday, March 10th. It will be student choice which adult they choose to bring with them. **Lion King Jr.** had a great turnout for tryouts- 48 or 49 students participating. **Winter REAP** will start on January 23rd.

We are in need of event chair people for the following events:

Science Night- we may have Sarah Kristiansen but we will confirm.

PTA Night Out/ Online Auction- can be 2 events but the goal is fundraising.

**Principal’s Report-**

1. There was a minor boiler issue and it was fixed quickly at the school. No students were ever without heat or in danger and so no email was sent to parents. Mrs. Stackhouse encourages anyone who has a question about anything at school to please contact her at the school and as a reminder she is almost always out in front at drop off.
2. The parking lot at Rhodes is a one way from Shaw Ave to Marion in the morning.
3. Confidentiality at Rhodes is a main priority at the school. Teachers and staff sometimes are privileged with information not available to other parents/volunteers. Because we want to insure confidentiality of all students, all volunteers/ PTA needing to do any office work at school should due this business at the school before 8:45 am and after 2:55 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Wohl