

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION
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Minutes of November 23, 2009

President, Julie Kelso called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m., in the Nome Elementary School library. The following individuals were in attendance:

Janet Balice	Sylvia Maton
Shari Biscotti	Pat Robinson
Betsy Brennan	Janeen Sullivan
Julie Kelso	Margaret Thomas
Paula Kennedy	Allison Wrenn

Approval of September 28, 2009 Minutes

Margaret made a motion to approve the minutes for September 28, 2009 as presented. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Thanks to Betsy Brennan

Julie thanked Betsy for her contribution to Nome Public Schools by way of her service on the school board for the past three years, and keeping PTSA up to date and informed of school board issues. Betsy was also commended for her numerous volunteer efforts for PTSA.

Safe Routes to School Grant

Paula gave an update on the Safe Routes to School Grant. Barb Nickels passed the grant information along to PTSA for research. The grant provides for an initial smaller grant up to \$5,000 for planning purposes, and a larger grant up to \$500,000 for infrastructure and program development. Discussion was made about the necessity of and availability of people to write the grant. The grant covers K-8th grade, so will include Jr. High and ACSA. Shari wants the grant written even if PTSA is not the group to write it. Janeen mentioned the high school teachers rotate doing bus duty and supervising children. Julie asked Paula to contact Joel Alowa at NEC to see if he can assist us in the grant. Betsy offered to meet with Jenny Martens to collect demographic and bus information on the school.

School Site Council

It was unanimously agreed that Julie Kelso would be the PTSA representative to the School Site Council.

Community Birthday Calendar

Julie gave an update. Currently, sales were at 93% of last year's total sales. The number of birthday listings has dropped from last year. In 2008, there were 2,442; in 2009, 2,784; and 2,609 in 2010. 595 calendars have been pre-sold. PTSA has made more money than last year (2009 was \$5500).

Reading Around the World Program – Allocation of \$150

NPS librarian, Joy Hewitt, has asked the PTSA for money for incentives (i.e. pencils, ribbons, etc.). A large map had been placed in the cafeteria. Positive parent feedback had been received to-date. Joy said the pencils would cost about \$115. She bought the buttons out of her own pocket. Julie recommended allocating at least \$150 to the program. There was discussion of the library budget for such items and for reward books for the children. The motion to allocate \$150 to the program was unanimously passed with members stating they would be amenable to giving Joy more if she needs it.

NEC Tutoring

Increased staffing and volunteers are needed Monday through Wednesday, from 2:30 until 3:30.

Coffee with Biscotti

Shari requested a "Coffee with Biscotti" during the Santa Shop.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.