

**PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION**  
**P.O. Box 1565**  
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**Minutes of January 18, 2012**

President, Julie Kelso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Nome Elementary School library. The following individuals were in attendance:

Janet Balice, Julie Kelso, Leah Keller, Sylvia Matson, Betsy Brennan, Mike Brawner, Marcy Merrill, Crystal Tobuk, Pamela Smith, Janeen Sullivan

**Approval of December 8, 2011 Minutes**

Minutes approved.

**Let's Read Together Reading Program** - The program lasted six weeks and ended 12-16-11. K-4 participation rate – 72%, 5/6 participation rate – 37%, overall – 63%. Factors that encouraged participation were flyer prepared for use before parent teacher conferences, reading posters, weekly incentives, and root beer floats. 106 students earned a reading poster, which is 28% of the student population. City Library reported new library users attributed directly to reading incentive program. Mr. Brawner stated that the district can help with funding for reading incentive programs. Joy and Julie will coordinate a meeting for teachers and interested PTSA members to plan the next program to be started by Feb 9/10 parent teacher conferences. Iditarod theme suggested. Parent suggestion was weekly prizes be food or books.

**Spelling Bee** - 54 kids are participating in practices. There is a junior high practice group this year for the first time, led by Rachel Ventress.

**SBA Rally**- Crystal Tobuk offered to check on a DJ. Parents and members shared positive feedback from students regarding rally. Parent suggested having Lisa's Leepers to meet before school on test week and possible financial support from PTSA.

**Iditarod concessions**- Information was not available at meeting.

**Nome-Beltz PTSA involvement.** - Breakfast for SBA test takers was suggested by a teacher. The School District will provide food and labor for breakfast for 7-9 graders. Also awards for honor roll students were requested. Assistance with bulletin boards for student artwork requested.

**PTSA Treasurer**- Current PTSA treasurer, Marcy Merrill, will be moving and has resigned as treasurer. Crystal Tobuk was nominated for the position. She was voted for by all those present and will take over the duties of that office for the next meeting.

**Elementary School Principal Hiring Committee** - Mr. Brawner said there would be a request for parent representatives on the hiring committee for the elementary school principal.

**Next meeting** TBA

Meeting adjourned by Janeen.