

PTA Meeting Minutes

Thoreau Middle School

March 31, 2014

Attendees: Becky Allison, Rita Molfetas, Liz DiFrancisco, Erin Kane, Marjorie Veiga, Beth Eachus, Michelle Kang, Patty Shields & Anne Stuart-Kirkhorn

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am

President's Report - Beth

- Parent program last week was well received
- Board for next year is filling up! Still need: treasurer, school store co-chair and Landscaping
- Runathon on May 2^{n.d} – during PE classes - will run about 35 minutes – raffle for each lap. Sponsor money goes to an iPad raffle.
- Make the cut—still need stylists on May 2 too More than 8 inches with no colorant

Principal's Report - Greg

- Depression screen – Mike screened all of 8th grade.
- Building changing quickly! Link on website has updates. First thing to be done is gym and locker rooms. Gym 1 will start in early June. Computer solutions room will become part of the electrical room—she is moving to drama room. Drama into the cafeteria.
- SOL window pushed back a week
- Marquis in front – research on what to do. May be LED
- Summer programs – excel in action will be at Madison due to construction. May be transportation set up
- Early release day will not be rescheduled.
- Parking is becoming an issue during the renovation—please be patient.
- Effort and behavior rubric – keep grades just academic and keep behavior as a different tool.
- I can shine bike program coming – afterschool on May 12-16th 3:00pm-6:15pm
- Seussical the Musical will be here April 24-26

Treasurer's Report – Erin

- Posted on line
- Most notable -- iPad lab contribution and mascot costume contribution

School Store – Patty

- Sales a little slow due to all the snow days
- Volunteer opportunities always available. See the link at >>>

Parent Programs – Nancy

- Teenage brain was well attended. This Position is open—let Beth E know!!

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Garden – Liz

- Wednesday April 23rd 10am starting the garden club – volunteers needed!! Fun lunch after!!
- Wildlife Habitat sign will be posted soon
- As part of the renovation—around 300 trees will be added to the school property.

Hospitality

- April event is yogurt surprise
- May – teacher appreciation – plans coming

Communications – Beth

- E news is going well!

8th grade dance

- Need Parent help!!

New Business --

- Brick fundraiser coming...watch for details to buy a piece of your legacy!!

Fresh Food Initiative

- Went to go see at Marshall HS to see the fresh food line. Letter of support will come out in ENews.
- Food recovery programs—unopened items are now donated to a local charity. Thank you to the parents who donated a refrigerator and those others who offered!!
- 3 Thoreau kids are going to the Green School of the future (ask Liz) April 24 at CC June 23 in Atlanta.

Our next meeting is Monday April 28, 2014 at 7:30pm

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am