

Matoaka Elementary School



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Matoaka PTA Meeting March 13, 2012

Attendance: Andy Jacobs, Christian Dunn, Amanda Gada, Karen Quinlan, Sue Bornschein, Brandy Centolanza, Marbury Abella, Kim Lish, Michelle Alexander, Debbie Wright, Karen Talley, Tatia Granger, Tryna Fitzpatrick, Dan Fitzpatrick, Diane Lee, Leanne Conrad

Leanne Conrad called meeting to order at 6:36. Motion was made to approve the minutes from February, and this was seconded.

President's Report (Leanne spoke for Erin, who was unable to attend the meeting)

- Bylaws will be revised with some minor changes such as...
 1. Officer elections will be held in April or May, instead of just April as it now reads.
 2. Recording Secretary will be removed from the board to a committee head called, "Newsletter Editor."
- Nomination process has begun. The committee has formed and they are looking for officers for next year. Goal is to elect them on Fine Arts Night.

Vice President's Report (Leanne)

- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11
- Hospitality is offering a café for teachers tomorrow!
- Science fair was very successful
- Reflections Ice Cream Party was given for all participants 2 weeks ago. This is a good incentive for kids for next year!
- Garden was planted last week, with each kindergarten class participating.

Vice President's Report (Christian Dunn)

- Walkathon is going very well

- Box tops is very productive as room moms are now helping to encourage their classes to bring in more box tops
- Merchandise table will be present at Family Fitness Night

Treasurer's Report (Karen Quinlan)

- Treasurer's Report for month was presented. There was no discussion.
- Karen reminds everyone to submit receipts, as June 30 is the end of the fiscal year.

Principal's Report (Andy Jacobs)

- Science Fair was a great family event!
- Hospitality Café is tomorrow for teachers.
- Family Fitness Night is tomorrow night.
- Thank you to Leanne for getting the garden going.
- Theatre IV Oliver Hill Story will present to Grades 3-5 (African History).
- Matoaka has a team in the final of Battle of the Books on Friday night!
- SOL testing for writing was taken in March. 5th graders will take the test online this year.
- Budget is in a lull right now, but keep your eyes and ears open for updates.

Nominating Committee (Christian Dunn)

- Committee is formed.
- Karen Talley will be Room Mom Committee Chair for next year. Karen was introduced.
- Merchandise will be run by Amanda Gada next year. She was introduced.
- Still need a President, two Vice Presidents, and Secretary so please talk to people who may be interested!
- March 26 we need to have people in place to vote on April 26 at the Fine Arts Night. (If we have to we can push the vote to May, but it's traditionally done at Fine Arts Night.

Walkathon (Tatia Granger)

- They've secured donations from Busch Gardens, Go Karts Plus, and a Bowling Party from AMF Lanes, among others!
- On March 26th, pledge sheets will go out.

- Room moms will gather fruit and water donations.
- They are working on the web site so we can take donations on the site.
- Theme will be “The Wonderful Cardinal of Oz!” There will be a yellow brick road around the bus loop, and they have great costumes from Warhill High for adults to wear and in the bus loops and carlines. This will raise excitement about the event!
- Andy Jacobs raised an idea for a focus for the proceeds raised by the Walkathon. Our school really needs a new sound system, and the cost is about \$6,000. Those in attendance thought this was a great idea!

Healthy Lifestyles (Michelle Alexander)

- Ship is having Michelle speak about our Healthy Lifestyles initiative, and is hoping other schools will follow the example she has created!
- She hopes to do another group of golden apple awards, but she needs nominations.
- Amber Nester is working on an article about the committee’s work, and this will be in WY Daily!
- Kale is coming again next week.
- Asparagus will come in April, and they are planning to do samples in the classrooms. They need lots of volunteers to make this work!
- Program has cost about \$400 this year.
- Garden night and the healthy snack cookbook are postponed until fall.
- Family Fitness Night coordinator needs help serving healthy snacks tomorrow night.

Matoaka Dads (Dan Fitzpatrick)

- 28 dads visited 6 classrooms
- All visits were in K-3 classrooms

New Business

- Living Wedge needs volunteers to buy crickets and worms and clean the tanks.
- Karen Talley volunteered to purchase works and crickets for the living wedge.
- Christian Dunn made a motion for an amended merchandise budget so that more small shirts could be purchased for Kindergarten Registration. A vote passed to amend the budget to make this purchase.

- Andy Jacobs said that he would ask the PTA a yearly subscription for Study Island Reading, Brain Pop Junior, and ISL Math. All are computer based learning programs that have yearly subscriptions. Last year this was \$3800. He's still not sure what the cost will be this year.
- Leanne Conrad reminded everyone about Sign Up Genius.