

Minutes from January 16, 2008 Meeting

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. (Ms. Van Vranken)
- II. Reading of minutes, No December meeting, will review Nov. and Jan. minutes at the next meeting.
- III. Treasurer's Report (Mr. Coulon)
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - A. Political (Vacant) Mr. Paul- Temperature in classrooms fluctuates and we will be receiving 4 HVAC units so that our students can learn in a comfortably controlled environment.
 - B. Fundraising (Mrs. Moores)
 - a. March fundraiser will be Yankee Candles. The sales of the candles will net a 40% profit for Highland. Orders must be in by March 21st for a Mother's Day delivery.
 - b. A Shoot-a-thon is also possible for March.
 - C. Membership (Mrs. Wedig) We currently have 84 members.
 - D. Publicity (Vacant)
 - E. Newsletter (Mrs. Ota, Mrs. Dudley, & Ms. Berube) The January Newsletter made a mistake in listing "Good Citizens", corrections will be reported in the February Newsletter. To all those Good Citizens and their families, we apologize for the error.
 - F. PTA Web Site (Mrs. Wedig & Mr. Abbott) Site has been updated. Basketball schedules have been posted.
 - G. Family night- For January we will have a Magician on January 23rd @ 6:30 P.M. Pink Flyers have been sent home. Spaghetti Supper (Mrs. Ross & Mrs. Saltzman). We will have our annual Spaghetti Supper on February 16th from 6-8 P.M. March 28th, we are planning our Blodgett Bingo Night. We are looking for donations of items to give for "Bingo" prizes. If you are interested in volunteering or donating items for prizes, please contact Cindy Jewell.
 - H. President's Comments (Ms. Van Vranken) No Comments.
- V. Old Business
 - A. I-Book Cart (Mr. Coulon) There was a discrepancy in the price for the I-Book Cart and we decided not to purchase it at this time. We are continuing to research this more and looking into other options.
 - B. Barnes & Noble Night (Mrs. Moores)
 - C. McIntyre Ski Program (Mrs. Wedig) We have 12 students enrolled and the last day of the program will be February 19th.
- VI. New Business

- A. Magician on January 23rd. We will be having a Magician for January Family Night. Pink flyers have gone home.
- B. January 29th we will have Officer Craig from the Manchester Police Department come and host an Internet Safety for Kids Night @ 6:30 P.M. This will be an informational night for Parents only to help raise awareness in internet safety for their children and to have the opportunity to ask questions.

VII. Administration Report

A. Mr. Paul

- 1. We are looking into implementing the “Dummy Proof” system which will allow us to electronically notify all parents and staff of school cancellations, emergencies, and absences. Notifications to parents and staff will be more efficient and this will save our school on paper, time, and money. Suggestion was made to contact the school board to help assist us in getting this system. Please feel free to contact Art Beaudry 622-3955 for Ward 9, or Doug Kruse 641-4947 for Ward 8 residents. Writing a letter to the Superintendent and all school board members will also help in persuading the matter.
- 2. We are looking to offer full time kindergarten for next year. We are also looking to add these following positions: 1 FT Reading & Recovery Teacher, 1 FT or ½ Speech and Language Pathologist or ½ Language Educational Assistant & 1 FT Speech and Language Educational Assistant, 1 FT Special Educational Teacher, 1 FT Response to Intervention Teacher, 1 FT ELL Educational Assistant.
- 3. We are still looking into purchasing the Master Teacher Program.

B. Ms. Perry

- 1. Ms. Perry broke her arm and we wish her a fast recovery.

C. Open forum- There was a Union meeting on January 15th and snow days were discussed.

IX. Next meeting will be held on February 20th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Art Room.

X. Adjournment at 7:18 P.M. Ms. Van motioned and Mrs. Wedig seconded; all approved.