

## **Eisenhower PTA Meeting Minutes** **Monday, October 15, 2007 (unofficial)**

**Attendance:** Kirsten Ertl (Co-President), Angela Bravata (Co-President) Andrea Gaines (WI PTA Region C Advisor), Laura Wainscott (Communication Liaison WSD), Natasha Sumners, Ann Stacey (Treasurer), Michele Schultz, Amy Johnson, Julie Bretz, Suzanne Garcia, Suzy Anderson, Lynn Koenig, Laura Startz, Kristen Bowers (Principal) **Excused:** Erin Orlowski (Co-Vice President Membership), Ellie Darling (Co-Vice President Membership), Amy Steinike (Co-Secretary), Ann Piek (Co-Secretary)

**Call the Meeting to Order:** Kirsten Ertl called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM in the Eisenhower Library.

**Sodexo Presentation:** Deanna Gitzlaff, General Manager of Sodexo School Services, presented the current lunch program being offered at Eisenhower. Deanna Gitzlaff noted that participation in the program from last year to this year has doubled and students having been selecting healthier options than originally anticipated.

**Wauwatosa School District Community Liaison;** Laura Wainscott, newly hired school district employee, gave a brief overview of what her job responsibilities at this time would include; implementation of the Long Range Planning teams, website planning, and alumni.

**Principal Report:** Kristen Bowers stated that the staff was very appreciative of the efforts of the PTA during the Staff Work Day in September. The Eisenhower staff is currently in the midst of working on the common school goal of improving math and reading achievements levels.

**Treasurer Report:** Ann Stacy distributed the current Treasurer's Report. **Motion:** *"I motion to approve the donation of \$500 from the Eisenhower Money Market Account to Kristen Bowers to use at her discretion for the school building/staff."* Maker: Lynn Koenig. Motion seconded.  
**Motion approved.**

**Scholastic Book Fair:** Chairperson, Ann Stacy, stated that there is a need for volunteers to work at the Book Fair (November 6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>) and to assist with setup on November 5<sup>th</sup>. All volunteers are given the opportunity to take advantage of the 'buy four books (4) get one (1) free reward'

**Spirit wear:** Anne Stacy, Coordinator, reported that the order for the beginning of the school year has been placed and should be distributed in the next few weeks.

**Membership;** no report at this time.

**Presidents Report;** Kirsten Ertl reported.

- **Staff Work Day - November 12;** volunteers are needed on this date to assist with the preparation of materials for teachers to be used in their classrooms.
- **Wilderness "Get Away";** last day to book your room at the special rate for Eisenhower parents in November 7<sup>th</sup>
- **Open House - October 18;** PTA will be holding a Bake Sale during the evening.
- **Spotlight on Curriculum;** the focus at the November PTA meeting will be on Senior Kindergarten.
- **Parent Meeting - October 29 @ 6:30 PM;** this parent only event will have a special guest speaker that will discuss bullying in schools.

- **Kris Kringle Christmas Shop;** an opportunity for the students to purchase holiday gifts at a low cost was presented. **Motion:** *"I motion that we approve the activity of the Kris Kringle Christmas Shop to be held during non-school hours at Eisenhower."* Motion seconded. **Motion approved.**
- **Phone Directory;** Angela Bravata reported that the phone directory is currently being printed and will be distributed as soon as possible.
- **Retirements:** Mrs. Strobles will be retiring at the end of November. Natasha Sumners agreed to oversee the coordination of the PTA efforts for this event; a monetary gift will also be presented to Mrs. Strobles.

#### **New Business:**

- **Fall Fundraiser;** no report at this time
- **Rummage Sale:** Michelle Schultz presented the idea of a rummage sale being held at the school in the spring; it was decided that it will not be held this year and will be considered for next year.
- **Parent Network** (formerly known as SPAC); a new format has been implemented this year and the each monthly meeting will focus on one topic. Pertinent information regarding the topic will be presented/distributed to school's parents.
- **Fund Support and Market Day; Amy Johnson reported**
  - **Nestle Life Water;** currently promoting bonus points and coupons for persons registered on the website. Amy ordered a 'Family Fun Night' planner through the company.
  - **Market Day;** The goal of 81 order in October was achieved and Eisenhower will be receiving \$400 in Scholastic Books.
  - **Box Tops;** will be submitted by October 31 for credit for this year.
- **Inclusiveness: Andrea Gaines from the WI PTA presented the concept of PTAs ensuring that their PTAs represented the majority of the school population.**
- **Website:** Eisenhower PTA has a new website at [www.wauwatosapta.org/whitman](http://www.wauwatosapta.org/whitman). Additions the site should be forwarded to Laura Startz ([mestartz@wi.r.com](mailto:mestartz@wi.r.com))
- **Donuts for Dad/Muffins for Mom;** will be held one time each semester, more information to be forthcoming.

#### **Announcements:**

- October 18 – Open House (6:00-7:30 PM)
- October 23 – Costume Parade (1:45 PM)
- October 29 – Parent Meeting (6:30 PM)
- November 12 – PTA Meeting (8:15 AM)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Laura Startz