

**EISENHOWER SCHOOL**  
**PTA MEETING**  
**Wednesday November 07, 2007**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The General Meeting of the Eisenhower PTA was called to order by Co-President Kat Shiomoto at 7:08 p.m.

**Welcome**

Attendance attached. Kat Shiomoto and Marisol Talmadge welcomed all the attendees.

**Minutes**

Karen Shapiro made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 7th. Kim Zea seconded the motion which was unanimously carried.

**Reports of Committees**

- **Scholastic Book Fair**- The fall book fair was not our best money maker. We made \$2,275 in cash for library books and equipment, \$1,660 in Scholastic books. 187 books were donated to classrooms. During the Spring book fair, it will not be open to students during recess.
- **Reading Counts** - Program is going well after last year's problems.
- **Eisenhower Volunteer Network (EVN)**- Michelle Riess reported that EVN is going great. Nicole relayed thanks to EVN from teachers.
- **Walk or Bike to School Day**- Stacie Coral reported that the event was a success.
- **Red Ribbon Week**- Kat Shiomoto on behalf of Linda Lu who coordinated RRW this year, reported that the activities went well. Jamba Juice donated gift cards as giveaways. Feedback from parents was to use ribbons with pins instead of the stick-on variety. Also parents noted that the large numbers issued for the raffle were a bit confusing for Kinders (too many digits).
- **Innisbrook Fall Fundraiser**- Total earnings were \$16,000 including on-line sales. We had less volunteers helping this year. Still looking for someone to coordinate this next year as Vidya Eashwar will be gone.
- **Yearbook**- Vidya Eashwar is hoping there will be enough parent volunteers this year to be successful. Still looking for someone to coordinate this next year as Vidya Eashwar will be gone.
- **eScrip**- Over 700 people registered with eScrip with Eisenhower as the beneficiary. Recent membership drive ran and had a gift card give away as an incentive.
- **Reflections**- Eisenhower parent and teacher, Gina Dinh coordinated the program this year. Many Eisenhower students participated and some are advancing to the next level of judging.
- **Fall Food Drive**- Karen Shapiro reported that the food drive will run from 11/19 - 12/19. There will be a big thermometer near the office to record our progress. Our goal is 3000 pounds.
- **Membership**- Janet Ness reported that we now have 185 PTA members this year. Our goal is 200.
- **CEEF**- A movie was shown that describes what CEEF does for CUSD. CEEF gala to be held in January will have an Indian theme. It will be held in Palo Alto.

**Principal's Report**

- Halloween festivities went very smoothly.
- Five teachers will be going to Denver this fall for Reader's Workshop and reading comprehension strategies training. They will then train other teachers.
- Computer lab is all up and running smoothly
- All teachers have received their Epson projectors and have put them into use. A few Elmo document cameras were purchased and teachers are using these on a borrowing basis. They are so useful the teachers don't want to give them up.
- Staff development will be centering on assessment strategies and how assessment helps to drive lesson planning.
- The substitute that filled in for Mrs. Shtein's maternity leave will be covering Tony Bagley after January.

- The new teachers have integrated fabulously. Nicole is working up front with them to give them the support they need. For instance she is making available to them the district math resource teacher.
- New district nutrition guidelines going very well for birthday celebrations and the Halloween party.
- New PE rotation is going very well. This is related to the new district health guidelines, to ensure that kids have enough physical activity. The teachers have been trained and the kids rotate through various centers on Friday.
- Ellen Buzawa is thinking of starting a running club.

**Financial Report**

Janet Ness relayed a request for the PTA to buy a power washer for use by the janitor in cleaning the picnic tables. It would be a one time expenditure of not to exceed \$200. Kim Zea made a motion to approve the expenditure. Kat Shiimoto seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

There was a \$100 expenditure for one rolling suitcase for the new classroom in the Discovery Room for containing emergency supplies.

There was a request to increase the PTA budget for teacher websites by \$200 to accommodate more teachers who are creating websites. Katy Bartlett made a motion to approve the budget increase. Kim Zea seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

Current total for direct donations to PTA is \$14,581. A recent half page appeal added to the Eagle resulted in a few new donations.

**Other discussions**

Looking for suggestions for other ideas for fundraisers- trying to shake it up a bit. Perhaps after next year we will do something else instead of Innisbrook (we have signed on to do it next fall). People suggested we look at what other PTA's do. Some ideas bounced around were, movie nights, an additional walkathon, a fun run.

**Adjournment**

Kat Shiimoto adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m..