

Key School PTA
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2008

I. Attendees: Christy Ross, Paige Chabora, David Landeryou, Julie Scott, Jenn Felten, Susan Kaminskas, Julia Rosen, Vicki Wanielista, Diana Maroney

II. Principal's Report:

Discussed No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Award Recognition Ceremony to be held at Key School Tuesday November 25, 2008. Cerremony will be well attended by officials from the Bd. Of Education, including Michele Rhee. It is the official announcement and recognition of Key School being recognized as a Blue Ribbon School. All members of the Key community are encouraged to attend.

Requested the purchase of Blue Ribbon Lapel pins for all of the teachers which was approved.

Requested that small, inexpensive vacuums be ordered for 9 classrooms. This was approved by the Executive Committee.

III. Teacher's report:

Teacher's requested fans or some type of solution for the classrooms that face the playground. When the heat is on for the winter and it is a sunny day, their rooms get extremely hot. The system is supposed to heat and/or cool at the same time but it is not functioning correctly. This has been an ongoing problem. Susan Kaminskas will have someone come out and look at the system and get some suggestions/feedback.

Teachers would like to find a central location for reading books. If they are maintained in a central location then all teachers will be able to share and exchange books based on reading levels of their students.

IV. Treasurer's report:

46K in dues/supplies collected. Harvest Festival will bring in over 4K. FLES program – still waiting on invoice, all tuition has been received. Taxes were paid and accountant paid. School directory invoice hit expenses. KEHP in the positive. Still waiting on Ms. Yeck to give a wish list for books she would like to purchase. Has received some Personal Development forms and requests for money.

V. Committee Reports:

Sally Foster sales are down this year vs. last year. This could be equated to the slower economy. Some also mentioned that the marathon (drive for donations) may have conflicted with sales as well.

Todd Stein: Directories have been given to everyone. Have a few extras should anyone need one. The Christmas Tree sale is set. Same vendor, location, set up, etc. Todd will handle all neighbor relations. PTA will get a permit to use the school for the sale and organize overtime for Mr. Smith. One tree will be res'd for the student council.

VI. Old Business:

Still have not rec'd payment from some families for the bulk supply order placed at the beginning of the year. Jenn Felten will send a letter/invoice to those who have not paid. It is understood that some parents will be unable to pay and financial aid will be available to them.

January PTA meeting – Health and Food Presentation to discuss overall health and food good for our children, esp. snacks for classrooms. There is a company in the area that will provide fresh, healthy snacks to the classrooms. This will be further discussed. Six school councils could invite other schools to participate in our PTA mtg. that discusses Health and Food. Good topic for all and nice way to invite others into our community.

Life after Key – 12/10 meeting is planned to discuss interaction with Hardy and possibly develop a committee to continue working on this issue.

VII. New Business:

Ms. Foster is not retiring. Ms. Venutto is here as a teacher. Ms. Lucca is coming back from maternity leave. Therefore, it will be necessary for the PTA to cover the costs to keep Brett Colton at Key. He is in the process of taking classes for his certification in order to stay at the school and get on the DCPS payroll.

Reviewed Auction budget for the last 3 years and discussed auction budget for upcoming year.

Meeting adjourned.