

Kipps PTA Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2010

Welcome—Anne-Collins Albimino

Principal's Report—Chris Widrig

- Fifth graders visited Blacksburg Middle School today.
- Funding for next year—bleak for materials but personnel appear safe (may lose positions but not personnel).
- SOLs:
  - ♦ Pep rally scheduled for May 7.
  - ♦ May have a pizza party for students who show improvement over last year.
  - ♦ Full online testing this year.
- Fifth grade graduation is on Tuesday, June 8 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Will hopefully be over by 7:00 to avoid traffic problems with high school dismissal.
- Update on high school:
  - ♦ Waiting on a few things before further decisions are made.
  - ♦ Officials need to make sure that the building is completely safe before anything else can take place.

Assistant Principal's Report—Tracy Kwock

- Read Around the World Day was held May 4. Good parent turnout.
- Teacher's luncheon took place on May 3. Plenty of parents on hand to help.
- The fourth grade thanks the PTA and parents for their monetary support for the Jamestown trip.

Helen Thompson moved to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2010, meeting; Teri Gendron seconded.

Executive Board Reports and Updates:

Vice President—Erin Vogt (not present but sent notes)

- K&T Entertainment will again be the vendor for the inflatables for the Summer Kickoff. She checked with two other vendors but K&T still had the best prices.
- PTA Officer nominations for 2010-2011 school year:
  - ♦ Treasurer—Helen Thompson
  - ♦ Secretary—Erika McBee

President—Anne-Collins Albimino

- Nominated Erin Vogt for the position of PTA president for next year.
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
  - ♦ Thank you to Amy Schott for organizing the event.
  - ♦ The teachers really appreciated having enough parent helpers so that the teachers didn't have to escort their classes to the cafeteria!
  - ♦ Decided not to suggest teacher gifts for each day of the week. Some parents felt it put too much pressure on them. Teachers said they prefer it this way; they still get plenty of gifts!

- ♦ Many kids were not aware that it was Teacher Appreciation Week. Need to do a better job next year of getting the word out.

#### Treasurer—Helen Thompson

- Current balance is \$9,238.28. Only transactions this past month were \$2.50 collected for membership and \$0.50 in donations, plus \$0.57 in interest.
- Current balance does not reflect the following charges: website maintenance (\$165.00), Quarters for the Quake donation to Hokies United (\$1,202.89), and DARE t-shirts for the fifth graders (\$445.50).
- Helen will call our insurance carrier to see if we can keep our policy if we change to a PTO.

#### Summer Kickoff

- Scheduled for Monday, June 7, followed by field day on June 8.

#### Bylaws Update

- New bylaws were posted on the website on April 22. They need to be posted for 30 days before becoming effective.

#### PTA vs. PTO

- Will give members the option to vote on changing to a PTO at the following events: Summer Kickoff, 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, Jamestown trip drop-off and pick-up, and kindergarten picnic.
- Need to get a printout of all members with appropriate columns for people to vote.

#### PTA Financial Audit

- Helen spoke with Alex Fritz, a Kipps parent whom Anne-Collins had recommended to perform an audit of our financial records. We are supposed to be audited annually, but we have not been in a few years. Alex is not currently an active CPA, so he cannot complete the audit, but is willing to help. Helen will do her best to get the prior-year records in order and will try to meet with Alex so that he can offer advice on what to correct/change before the actual audit. We still need to find a CPA to complete the audit shortly after our fiscal year ends on June 30.

#### Friendly Helpers—Marcia Obenshain

- Each year the Friendly Helpers and Patrols have an end-of-year pool and pizza party to thank them for their work during the year. They typically have money available to pay the cost, but they do not have any funds this year. Marcia estimates the total cost at \$195 and asked the PTA for help. According to Helen, the PTA has budgeted for this event in the past but has not contributed towards it for at least the past three years. Anne-Collins moved to approve up to \$200 in PTA funds for this event; Ginny Terwelp seconded.