

Matoaka PTA
Meeting January 10, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6:36PM.

November Minutes Approved: Christine Dunn motioned to approve, and this was seconded.

President's Report by Erin Otis

- Sign up Genius is a program that will save you time. Try using this for events requiring people to sign up
- Thank for adopting the family from the Angel Tree!
- Teacher wish list went well
- Nominating committee is forming in Feb. Please let Erin know at the Feb meeting if you'd like to be on the committee to help fill PTA officers for next year.

Vice President's Report on programs by Leanne Conrad, presented by Erin Otis

- Science Fair is beginning to take shape.
- Mr. Jacobs added that in the science fair, there will be activities for parents and kids, stamps on passports for participation, and the teachers were wondering if PTA would help by providing dinner and small prizes. Discussion followed on how much food to provide.
- Membership has improved dramatically. We are up to 400 members and Zoopros came in for the kindergarten as they won the class membership contest.
- W&M basketball game was a great activity and about 300 kids attended this event.
- School Directory has been sent home, and it looks great!

Reflections report by Fran Metzger, presented by Erin Otis

- Entries are on display in the glass case in the school entrance
- Awards ceremony will be held at school for all participants
- Matoaka is hosting the district wide Reflections event on January 18th.

Vice President's Report on fundraising by Christian Dunn

- Merchandise table at holidays was very successful. Some of the cardinal "fire" colored t-shirts have been fading/peeling and will be replaced by the company.
- Chick Fil A spirit night brought in \$179.
- Moe's Spirit night is 11-9 on Feb 9 and will donate 20% to our PTA.
- Box Tops deadline is January 20th.
- Walkathon is beginning to come together!

Treasure's Report by Karen Quinlan.

- Ledger balance 11/30 was \$15,321.80. Income for the month totaled \$3,875.67. Expenses totaled \$462.74. Ledger balance 12/30/11 was \$18,734.73. Adding in outstanding checks, our bank balance on 12/30/11 was \$18,875.12.
- There was no discussion about the report presented

Principal's Report reported by Andy Jacobs

- For the third year in row, "School of Excellence" has been awarded to Matoaka by the VA Governor.
- Foreign Language Program has started at Matoaka. It is run by Jeanine Flanagan of Penninsula Lango. Languages offered are Spanish, French, and Mandarin. There are 60-70 students in this 10 week session, and there will be another session this spring. Price was negotiated down to \$120 per class with one scholarship being offered per class, and CDs are going to be reused for each session.
- Jen Smith will host a meeting on Bully-proofing on Monday, January 23.
- Difficult budget year is coming with 7.5 million dollar hit on WJCC alone.
- PTA should consider carrying over as much money for next year as is allowed.

Walkathon, presented by Betty Brittain

- Event on April 20th will be themed the "Wizard of Oz" (think the "Cardinal of Oz") and will likely feature a yellow brick road!
- They have a huge list of volunteers
- Donations needed are small and kid friendly such as webkins or small toys. These are used as incentives and raise excitement and school spirit.
- Trina is working on formatting the website to take online donations for the walkathon.

Healthy Lifestyles presented by Michelle Alexander...

- The week featured Chef Chris's soup, and golden apple awards.
- Local produce will start again in March, weather dependent.

- Family Garden night is coming soon.
- Healthy Cookbooks will come out for open house next school year.

PTA Council by Michelle Johnson

- Budget issue is in the front of everyone's mind right now
- Strategic plan features a website survey for anyone to have their voices heard
- New treasurer
- Feb 20th "Get to Know the School Board meeting"
- Berkeley Middle School needs an officer

New Business:

- Christian Dunn talked (as a parent) about the school board budget. She gave helpful information regarding the cuts and how they will impact our school, and encouraged everyone to stay involved and support education.
- Peninsula Lango funding raised by Erin Ottis. Discussion followed on the possibility of PTA funding the language program and this was tabled for now.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM