

PTA Board/Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2009  
**Not Yet Approved**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:38am.

**The following people were in attendance:**

Lisa Goldman                      Suzanne Brown                      Becky Gerhardt

Debbie Markezich                      Sandy Skeel                      Kelda Thommen

Mary Mulkins                      Margaret Hughes                      Heidi Springer

Wendy McNamara

A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2009 meeting.
2. Motion passed.
3. Minutes approved.

**Principal's Report – Mrs. Murphy**

1. The school grounds were vandalized and graffiti was on some of the outside walls and the roof.
  - a. If you should ever see something happening at school, please call the police and the school district security number.
2. WASL is coming up. The dates are 4/13-5/1.
  - a. It is important that the kids are at school on the testing days.
  - b. Last year 45 kids had to do make-ups.
3. Kindergarten registration for children who will be 5 by the end of August is March 20.
  - a. Please let parents of children who might be new to East Ridge in other grades to register then also.
4. Camp Casey is scheduled for 5/6-5/8.
5. The Learning Celebration is likely May 12.
6. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade picnic has been scheduled for June 18. Other end of year activities are being scheduled.

**Treasurer's Report- Erik A.**

1. Erik not present.

### Audit Committee Findings- Wendy M.

1. Audit went smoothly. All financial transactions were appropriate.
2. There were a few things the audit team needs:
  - a. They suggest column titles on documents to make reading them easier.
  - b. They need to know how many PTA cards have been distributed.
  - c. They need to know who the PTA members are and the date they joined.
3. The team will need to know the number of online registrations vs. the number of paper registrations for the June audit.

### Emergency Prep- Grant Request- Margaret

1. The current \$500 budget will be used to retrofit the storage area with brackets and for water.
2. Margaret made a motion that the PTA allocate up to \$800 for the purchase of emergency preparedness supplies to meet Washington state's new requirements.
  - a. The monies would be used to purchase toilet seats, duct tape, wag bags and visqueen for the classrooms.
3. Heidi seconded the motion.
4. Motion approved, contingent upon verification from Erik that we have the funds available.

### Nominating Committee: Who are they?- Lisa

1. The nominating committee members are Kelda T., Trish C., and Deanna A.

### Executive Board 2009 Status- Lisa

1. The nominating committee needs to fill only 1 executive board position- President.

### Open Chair Positions- Lisa

1. There are still quite a few positions available, including newsletter, ASAP, audit committee, chess club, fall festival, Membership, Popcorn Friday and Online Registration.
2. Please speak with Lisa if you are interested in leading a committee.

### New Field Day Chair- Deanna A.

1. Deanna has agreed to chair the Field Day committee.
2. It will be held on June 18, 2009.

### Spring Dance Status- Lisa

1. Suzanne B. has volunteered to chair the committee.
2. She is looking into a DJ and date that will work.
3. Will try to book Timbercrest for the dance.
4. Stacy asks that chaperones check the grounds from time to time.

### Teacher Grant Organizer- Lisa

1. Lisa is looking for someone to organize the Teacher Grant requests.
2. Becky G. volunteered.

### Acorn and Outstand Educator Awards- Lisa

1. The Acorn Award goes to an outstanding volunteer.
2. Lisa is looking for a committee of 3 parents and a teacher to select the recipients of the Acorn and Outstanding Educator Awards.

### Collection of a Million Pennies- Lisa/Becky

1. Becky G. is the new Fundraising Chair for next year.
2. A collection of a million pennies will begin being collected after mid-winter break to illustrate to the students how much a million is.
3. Once the pennies have been collected, they will be gifted directly to the school.

### Steel Drum Update- Suzanne

1. The steel drums are expected to sell in the next few months.
2. We can choose to sell them ourselves at a discounted rate.
  - a. Untuned and unseasoned drums are worth less on the market.
3. There is a man in Maryland who writes grants for schools to have steel drums funded by outside sources.
  - a. Suzanne will contact him to see if he can help us with a grant and possible funding.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am