

Eisenhower Elementary School
Parent/Teacher Advisory Council
January 26, 2012

In Attendance: Kim Byers, Shanon Keller, Gary Barlow, Shawn McCombs, LeaAnn Brannan, Susie Drake, Gene Hinckley, Rachel Weber. (Eisenhower staff is highlighted in bold).

A motion was made by Shawn McCombs and seconded by Susie Drake to approve the November minutes.

Shawn McCombs presented the **Treasurer's Report for December and January** as the PTAC doesn't meet in December. Shawn mentioned that skate night attendance is a little down this year as families are busy with additional activities. Shawn thought the last Pack the House at Leo's was a good turn out and hopes for the same in the spring. The ending balance for both savings and checking for Dec/Jan was \$15,791.68. Checks over \$500 were written to Outbreak Design for \$1,416.00 for spirit wear, QSP for \$14,367.44 for magazines, and \$2,762.85 to Lifetouch for school pictures. The Dec/Jan treasurer's report and checks written for over \$500 was approved by LeaAnn Brannan and seconded by Susie Drake.

Gary Barlow presented the **Principal's Report**. Mr. Barlow had a few calendar reminders. The annual Penny Challenge will be Feb. 6-10. Parent Teacher Conferences will begin the following week. Notes from the students' teachers will be coming home soon to set up the type of conference to be held. He also mentioned that Eisenhower's gym will be used Feb. 1st for a Relay for Life event. Eisenhower was happy to share their space for this event. Also, the Penny Challenge in the past has always donated to different relief funds or charitable organizations. Mr. Barlow will be discussing with Eisenhower staff for their input on how they would like to see the money spent. Further information will be sent home at a later time.

Teacher's Report- Kim Byers thanked the PTAC for the ActiView projectors as this technology tool has already created many "teachable moments" in her classroom. She shared that it's very valuable to have access to the projector when a moment arises in the classroom to share information with the entire class and not have to wait and show it at a later time. Mrs. Keller also appreciates the ActiViews and mentioned the use of the wireless lab as very beneficial to her students. They are studying hurricanes and can access videos and information quickly as they are holding discussions in class. Not having to wait to go to the computer lab creates direct access to information. Mrs. Keller also shared that students can be divided into groups for additional support and the laptops provide other students access to Study Island and other educational tools. Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Keller are in the process of making a math movie with their students. Earlier in the year, students were asked to take pictures of math terms in everyday life and students are now putting sound to the movie explaining the terms. They both mentioned technology being provided is very beneficial to their students and again thanked the PTAC for helping make some of these moments possible.

Committee Reports:

Birthday Books- Tiffany Hickox sent note that she has been in contact with Bound to Stay Bound and she will be getting a list from them to use for the Birthday Books. A letter will go out to the students in a few weeks and the book selection will be in March.

Social- Kim Lenz, Lori Karr, and Sheryl Hanson sent note that treats for teachers will be held once a quarter. Mr. Barlow agreed that once a quarter would be great. The monthly treats in the past were greatly appreciated however once a month would be very much appreciated.

Accelerated Reader Store- Last AR store was held Jan. 25. Thank you ladies.

New Business: We are looking at the next Pack the House to be Feb. 29th. This is not definite so a flyer will be sent home with students as well as an Alertify to parents. Also a discussion was made on looking at gradually purchasing laptops or Ipads for teachers to use with students in their classrooms. The PTAC as well as parents are realizing the technological advancements being made and are looking at helping fund some of these advancements to our students at Eisenhower. Shawn McCombs is optimistic with next year's magazine sales and support from our Eisenhower parents that purchasing these items is very possible. Mr. Barlow has been and will continue to do more research and further discussion will be made as the year progresses.

Susie Drake made a motion to adjourn and LeaAnn Brannan seconded.

The next PTAC meeting will be held Thursday, February 23rd. Everyone is welcome.

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