

Winterset Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes—Draft
March 12, 2013

Present: Janet Temple, Jen Tonapi, Sara Mudd, Theresa Tracy, Molly Bean, Ken Smith, Mrs. Heald and Mrs. Spychalski

Call to Order—Jen Tonapi called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm in the Winterset Library.

- I. **Approval of the February 12, 2013 minutes**—Motion to approve (with the addition of two notes related to two event dates) by Molly Bean, second by Janet Temple.
- II. **Treasurer’s Report**—Janet Temple reported that two staff grants (total of \$100), plus the \$500 fee for the illustrator presentation, have been disbursed. The Readathon has brought in \$1,182.92 to date (it is listed with the December Unfundraiser, which brought in \$265). More Readathon money is expected to come in once the kids complete their reading on March 15. Box Tops came in last month as well last month (\$447.10).
- III. **Principal’s Report**—
- IV. Mrs. Tracy reported that Terra Nova testing will begin March 13 and end by March 26. She is working to raise the money needed to replace the playground equipment. She has given materials to Ken Smith (Chair, Facility Improvements Committee) for further review and to investigate pricing. She is committing to raise \$12,000 and would like to know by the April meeting how much the PTA is willing to match. Student Council has also started promoting the Cookie Dough fundraiser, which will help fund the purchase of playground equipment. The deadline for the Cookie Dough fundraiser is March 21. Dough to arrive either week of April 15 or 29. Mrs. Tracy suggested that once the budget of the playground is determined, maybe she could have the kids vote on the equipment choices. Progress reports will be sent home on March 27. Mrs. Tracy also reported that the illustrator (Artists in Schools) was very well received by the students and that if students want to purchase his book, order forms have been sent home in Friday Folders.
- V. **Calendar and Committee Updates**—
 - i. Readathon – Sara Mudd reported that the opening assembly for the Readathon took place on March 1. The kids started reading on March 4 and will finish on March 15. The closing ceremony is March 21 at 2:30. The reading will take place from March 1 through 15. Top readers and donation raisers will get prizes, including a tablet (Nabi?), circus tickets, zoo passes, COSI with movie pass, Donatos and Mama Mimi’s. Graeter’s, Jeni’s, Texas Roadhouse and SkateZone also donated items for the kids. Jen Tenopi reported that she purchased an e-Reader as one of the prizes.
 - ii. COSI on Wheels – No updates at this time.
 - iii. Box Tops and Kroger – Molly Bean reported that \$447 will come in mid-March from Box Tops. We currently have 37 families signed up for Kroger, and that brought in \$392.80. Molly also reminded the group that reenrollment for Kroger Cards is in April.

- iv. Restaurant Nights – Jen Tonapi reported that Bob Evans (February 25) brought in around \$60. Donatos is set for March 25. The April 22 Restaurant Night will be at Texas Roadhouse.
- v. Jen Tonapi reminded the group that next year's officers must express interest by April, and voting will take place at the May meeting. She passed a sheet around to the group to ask for names of people interested in running.
- vi. Winterset Scholarship – These are due on April 12. Mrs. Tracy will help circulate information. Two PTA volunteers will be needed to select the winner(s).
- vii. Skating Party – Tentatively scheduled for the week of May 21. Mrs. Tracy will check with Gables Elementary.
- viii. Playground – In addition to Mrs. Tracy's report, Jen reported that Joan Baker has applied for at least one grant. Ken Smith reported that there is an opportunity to save 30% by applying through the vendor. He is checking into this.
- ix. Fun Fair – After much discussion, the group decided to see how many volunteers would be available for May 17. Since this coincides with Centennial's prom, we will have to look to Middle School, Girl/Boy Scouts for volunteers to run the games for the kids. We will send home Friday Folder sign-up sheets (also sign-up sheets for PTA officers), and Mrs. Tracy will do a follow-up robo call.
- x. Fifth Grade Recognition – No updates at this time.

VI. **Adjournment**—Motion by Sara Mudd, second by Janet Temple. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

VII. **Next Meeting: April 9, 2013 in the Winterset Library.**