

**NIXON SCHOOL PTA
MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2010**

Call to Order: President Donna Mangano called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and welcomed everyone. Correspondences were shared and passed. Minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting were read and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance of \$21,358.24 on 9/30/09 and an ending balance of \$12,358.24 on 12/18/09. Report was filed for audit.

Principal's Report:

- Great ending to the year with the holiday concert
- H.W. club offered by Key Club going well – more students may be invited
- Next Friday school wide enrichment to begin. Selection paper will be sent home tomorrow. Will be twice a month for next 5 months
- Grant was written for library make-over. If receive it will get us 10 laptops and a smartboard
- Library volunteers working hard to continue book update
- Some outdated books that are removed will be sent to Africa – Eagle Scout project
- Community grant from Walmart of \$2,000 awarded to Eagle Scout for new Nixon sign. Pavers will be available to purchase
- 1/13 - St. Jude Mathathon kick off during lunch periods. Donations go to St. Jude's. Please encourage children to do math problems, even if not donating. For a \$35.00 donation participants receive a 6 Flags entrance ticket and t-shirt. More details to come.
- 1/18 - school closed
- 1/28 Parents as Reading Partners@ 9:30am
- Visit from Congressman Frelinghuysen soon to pick up letters to Veterans that the children will be making
- Tomorrow parent workshop @ L.R. on promoting science. The scientist will be working with Nixon students in Feb. for science fair in March. Science fair – 2nd and 3rd graders will not be judged but will be recognized. 4th graders will be judged. Date announced soon.
- Barnes and Nobles night we raised around \$500.00. It will be used to purchase new books for classroom libraries.
- 1/12 Ray Man – The Mean Lean Recycling Machine - Free assembly
- Wee Deliver Post Office should be up and running soon
- School store open on Thursdays for 1st and 3rd graders, and on Fridays for 2nd and 4th graders- before 9:30am both days.

Committee Reports:

Teacher Liaison: Mrs. Barry reported that Coins for a Cause campaign raised over \$100.00 for Autism Speaks

Cultural Arts: Audra Sarafin reported 1/25-1/29 4th graders will participate in a writing event Making Headlines which is partly funded by Dr. Rossi. Children will be making all aspects of newspapers; writing, interviewing, taking photos etc.

BOE: Next meeting 1/11. Nixon PTA will present.

Family Night: Reported by Dee Merring: Next family night- New Years Eve dance 1/8. DJ, Hats, noise makers, games.
Bingo night is 2/5.
Looking for ideas to replace Rollerskating Night – maybe ice skating

Book Swap: Thursday 1/21. We have a great response from K, 1 & 2. Would like to see more 3rd and 4th graders swap.

Tricky Tray: Flyers to go home next week for class theme baskets. Committee meeting in January.

Reflections: 4 Nixon students are county winners and will be going to the state competition they are; Robbie Sarafin, Rhiannon VanOrden, Kaitlyn Ammon, and Andrea Serrano. All entries will be displayed in Ledgewood Mall in March.

Old Business: none

New Business: we will be looking to start a nominating committee to oversee nominations for the PTA board for next year. Many positions will be open including President.

Adjournment: President Mangano adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.