

**NIXON SCHOOL PTA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
February 2, 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 September 15, 2009 meeting were read and approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance of \$12,330.24 on 11/30/09 and an ending balance of \$10,134.84 on 1/26/10. Report was filed for audit.

Principal's Report: as read by President Mangano

Thank you all for your support of the Pierre Family after the terrible destruction in Haiti. Our students presented Mrs. Pierre with \$668.00. We read an announcement over the loud speaker from Mrs. Pierre thanking students. This money is being used to help transport children to the country side to a new school. Mrs. Pierre wrote a letter to Nixon School and this letter will be included on the back of the School newsletter. (Newsletter will be sent home this week.)

Making Headlines, a fourth grade writing workshop has been going well. Students interviewed, took pictures and are busy writing stories for their Fourth Grade Newspaper. Newspapers will be printed on Thursday night. Each fourth grade student will receive one copy. We are also hoping to post these newspapers on our Nixon Website. Would the PTA like to purchase additional papers? If so, let me know. Thank you!

We received \$1900.00 from Wal-Mart in Hackettstown.

Enrichment Classes are going well. Unfortunately changes will not be made to the student's course, as all courses are filled and supplies ordered for that number of students.

Tomorrow night is a Study Island Workshop held at Jefferson, please go on the Roxbury website for further info and RSVP.

School is closed on February 12 and February 15. School is in session on February 16. Report cards go home on February 11.

We have hired a long term sub for Mrs. Kaufman's class and Mrs. Katsigiannis' class. Further information will be sent home after Board approval.

Please, Please remember to pull to the student drop off sign/curb when dropping off students in the morning. Please wait if cars are ahead of you until you can safely pull to the curb. Please DO NOT allow your child to run between or in front of buses. Please also remember do not park your car and run in, buses get backed up. Thank you!

Budget Presentations: February 4 and February 10th - See website for further information.

Committee Reports:

Teacher Liaison: none

Student Reporter:

The Children's Committee (made up of students from all Roxbury Schools) is helping to rebuild Imagination Station. A collection container is located in the Main Office where they are asking for donations of pennies. Their goal is 1 million pennies. Reported by Rhiannon Van Orden.

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

There will be a ventriloquist/magic/music assembly for grades K-3 this Thursday @ 1:30. Order forms to purchase his books will go home after assembly.

BOE: See website for upcoming budget meeting dates.

Family Night: Reported by Dee Merring: Next family night -Bingo night is Friday February 5th. 7pm -8:30. Bring own snacks and drinks. 6 games. Snow date is Friday February 19th.

Book Swap: Thursday 2/18. We are looking for Kdg. age boy's books in particular (trucks, superman, heroes etc.). If you have any to donate, please send them in.

Tricky Tray: Reminder to everyone to purchase their tickets before 3/29 at the discounted price of \$40. For anyone who hasn't received the Tricky Tray Flyers they will be coming home this week. Also, classroom basket themes have gone out, if anyone cannot get to a store to purchase their item, you can always send in a monetary donation and the PTA will pick them up for you.

If anyone has old picture frames or baskets they would like to get rid of, drop them off in the PTA box in the office.

Table centerpiece theme is '40' for Nixon's 40th birthday celebration. If you have any past pictures for centerpieces please contact Toni Ann Unis.

Yearbook:

A yearbook order form flyer was sent home last week. If you did not receive a flyer, yearbooks are \$10.00 each, and boosters may be purchased for \$2.00 each (they must not exceed 90 spaces). Checks made payable to Nixon PTA or cash. All orders must be in by February 12th.

Reflections:

REFLECTIONS - ROXBURY CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS-The Roxbury PTA *Reflections* Program and the district's art departments will proudly celebrate our student artists the evening of Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. at the Ledgewood Mall.

DISPLAY OF ARTWORK AT LEDGEWOOD MALL-All "Beauty is..." PTA *Reflections* program entries will be on display at the Ledgewood Mall from March 9 – March 31. Look for this display near Music Den

SAVE THE DATE~DISTRICT-WIDE REFLECTIONS RECOGNITION CEREMONY-All *Reflections* participants and their families will be invited to a district-wide recognition ceremony which will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 in the auditorium of Eisenhower Middle School.

Old Business: Recess equipment was purchased for both indoor (balls, games) and indoor recess (board games).

New Business: A nominating committee has been formed and we are currently accepting nominations for all PTA Board positions. Nominations are due by 3/31. Positions of President and Secretary will need to be filled, but nominations can be accepted for all positions.

The April PTA meeting has been changed to Monday April 12th due to a conflict with Meet the Candidate's Night.

Adjournment: A raffle was held for all members who attended the meeting and Brenda Schabel won a dining certificate to Manga's Restaurant in Wharton.

President Mangano adjourned the meeting at 8:02 PM. The next meeting will be March 2nd.