

**NIXON SCHOOL PTA  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 2, 2010**

**Call to Order:** President Donna Mangano called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM and welcomed everyone. Minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting were read and approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance of \$10,134.84 on 1/31/10 and an ending balance of \$9,093.80 on 2/8/10. Report was filed for audit.

**Principal's Report:**

- We have used 5 snow days.
- 4/9 will most likely be recommended to be a school day by Dr. Rossi
- Shelley Connell, science coordinator in district, will be discussing with students science fair projects. All children grades 2-4 will be encouraged to participate. Gr. 2 & 3 will have theirs displayed in hallway. 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be judged and will orally share projects on 3/18 Science Fair day. 1<sup>st</sup> graders can also participate if interested.
- 3/9& 3/10 Kindergarten Registration
- This week Read Across America
- 3/16 Door decorating by students will be judged
- DEAR was held today
- Ms. Pinnella's class has partnered with another school in E. Hanover as penpals and will meet via Skype.
- 3/16 Mathathon money due
- Field trips scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade in March. If there are nurse coverage problems, trips may need to be rescheduled.
- No PARP this month.
- Library Project – Eagle Scout took 400 discarded books & they will be shipped to Africa to open a new library. Book re-vamp project still in progress.
- Sign- we got 5 different quotes for the new Nixon sign. Will order with Sign Art. They will deliver 4 weeks after order is placed. 25 pavers sold.
- 6/4/10 Celebration at Nixon for 40<sup>th</sup>. Special 60's, 70's lunch, induction of sign, various special activities.
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**Committee Reports:**

**Teacher Liaison:** none

**BOE:**

- Mrs. Perhac's maternity leave extended to 11/1.

- Board of Ed: 3 incumbent candidates are running unopposed
- Many budget concerns. 12 administrators on the management team have agreed not to take raises.
- Please try to attend an upcoming budget meeting at Lincoln Roosevelt School:

Monday, March 8, 2010 7:00 pm Regular Meeting  
Discussion of the Tentative Budget for 2010/2011

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 6:00 pm Special Meeting  
Discussion of the Tentative Budget for 2010/2011

Monday, March 22, 2010 6:00 pm Special Meeting  
Approval of the Tentative Budget for 2010/2011

Wednesday, March 31, 2010\* 7:00 pm Regular Meeting  
Public Hearing on the 2010/2011 Budget

- Proposed Calendar For 2010-2011

School starts 9/7

Winter break 2/18-2/25

No Spring Break

4 possible days to get back if no snow days will follow Good Friday

**Family Night:** Reported by Dee Merring: Next family night –3/26 Talent Show 7:00. Kids in show need to be there 6:30. Flyers home this week. 3/25 will be rehearsal 7-8:30. Trophies will be given to all participants this year.

**Tricky Tray:** Reminder to everyone to purchase their tickets before 3/29 at the discounted price of \$40. Family donation flyers will be coming home this week.

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 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. If you have any past pictures for centerpieces please contact Toni Ann Unis.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade End Of Year Party:**

Asking for pictures of each 4<sup>th</sup> grader of them in grades K-4. Please forward progressive individual pictures of your 4<sup>th</sup> grader from kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 4<sup>th</sup> grade (total of 5 pictures).

If you are sending us the actual pictures of your child; please be sure their name and teacher information is clearly written on the back so we may return the pictures promptly. If you prefer to scan the pictures; please send them to Audra Sarafin at [asarafin@optonline.net](mailto:asarafin@optonline.net)

### **Reflections:**

Congrats to Kaitlyn Ammon in Mr. Goldsholl's class. She is a State runner-up!

**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 -8:00 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 10 – 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.

A luncheon will be held in May for all Nixon students who participated.

### **Old 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 and Treasurer will need to be filled, but nominations can be accepted for all positions.

The April PTA meeting has been changed to Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 due to a conflict with Meet the Candidate's Night.

**New Business:** Spring Family Photos are being looked into. Not big response last year, and problems with company.

Lincoln Roosevelt looking for some chair people for next year if you are moving up to L/R. Cultural Arts, 5<sup>th</sup> gr. DARE dance, Holiday Shopping Boutique, Market Day, Online Newsletter, Mother's Day Plant Sale, Recycling Ink & Cell phone cartridges, 5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Room Reps Chair, Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Tammy Kistner ([tkistner@optonline.net](mailto:tkistner@optonline.net)) if interested.

**Adjournment:** A raffle was held for all members who attended the meeting and Stuart Marcus won a \$25 dining certificate to Cambiotti's.

President Mangano adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM. The next meeting will be April 12th.