

Rice PTA Board Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2010

The regular meeting of the Rice PTA Board was held at the home of Jan & Sue Garrett on May 17, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by President, Jennifer Deen. A quorum was present.

President's Remarks:

- Jennifer Deen welcomed everyone and thanked all of the PTA board members for a wonderful year. Jennifer also thanked her parents for opening up their home for our meeting.

Principal's Remarks:

- Jennifer Sturm thanked everyone for their hard work this year and remarked on how much she and the teachers appreciate Rice PTA.
- Mrs. Sturm remarked that there have been a lot of successes this year and the teachers have worked very hard.
- Mrs. Sturm reported that TAKS scores would be in soon and she is proud of the growth of our students.
- Mrs. Sturm reported that the last CPOP meeting would be June 2nd and everyone is invited. They will discuss next year's budget and campus improvement plan.
- Mrs. Sturm reported that a PYP consultant had been on campus and is making suggestions to help move Rice in the right direction. The consultant will be back this summer for two days to work with the teachers.
- Mrs. Sturm reported that Carol Foley made a visit to the literacy lab at Bonner Elementary to get ideas for our lab at Rice. Jennifer Deen remarked that PTA has purchased easels and bookshelves for all classrooms in addition to browsing boxes and lots of books, but it is a slow process.
- Mrs. Sturm reported that Rice will be partially painted over the summer (hallways, offices, and door frames).
- Mrs. Sturm announced some changes that will take place next year. Mrs. Carnes will be moving to Hubbard Middle School and Mrs. Cope will take over her duties as counselor. Reading intervention teachers are needed for next year as well as additional third grade teachers. Next year's theme will be "We are Positively Wild."
- Mrs. Sturm reported that awards ceremonies are coming up and a calendar was sent home with the students. She also reported that 50 families registered at Kindergarten Roundup.
- Mrs. Sturm thanked Lynette Maynard for redecorating the front office and Shawn Sheffield for her excellent work on the yearbook. Mrs. Sturm expressed her thanks to everyone.

Secretary's Report:

- Carrie King reported that the minutes of the April 19, 2010 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ruth Davis reported for Justin Rowe and presented the 2009-2010 budget report dated May 17, 2010 (attached hereto). Justin made a motion to accept the report as stated. The motion was seconded, no further discussion was had, and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Student Awards

- Ruth Davis reported for Michelle Gandy that the ceremonies have been scheduled and the dates went home on the student calendar.

Splash Day

- Rhonda Hopkins thanked everyone for all their work thus far. She reported that all food needs are just about covered. They will be in need of coolers, ice chests, and some long water hoses to borrow and water balloons will be sent home with some of the classes to be filled and returned to the school. Jeanette Pytlak is helping to handle sponsorships and signs. The neighborhood Fire Department will lead the parade, fill the dunking booth, and return later to spray their hoses at the end of the day.
- Stacey Drew reported that more volunteers are still needed and volunteer forms are available. She will be sending out volunteer assignments at the end of the week. She has volunteers lined up to make the sling shots and water limbo equipment and each classroom has collected money to purchase whipped cream.
- Ruth Davis reported that Splash Day t-shirts will arrive on Thursday and she will need helpers to distribute them on Friday morning.

Fifth Grade Graduation

- Stefanie Bice reported that graduation will take place at Robert E. Lee on June 1st. She further reported that the 5th Grade Pinecove Day went well and the students had a great time. A cookout will be held the last day of school. She requested that if anyone has pictures of this year's 5th grade activities, please send them to her for the slide show.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Mamta Dhakal requested that everyone email her information on volunteer hours through the end of the year.

Old Business

Acquisitions

- Lynette Maynard reported that all new acquisitions have been approved. Many items have been ordered and the remaining items will be ordered this week. Additionally, the purchase of a new popcorn popper has been approved.

New Business

Incoming Officers

- Incoming President Jenny Romines and incoming Vice President Carol Foley remarked that they are looking forward to next year and presented gifts to Jennifer Deen and Ruth Davis for their service this year.

Announcements

- Jennifer Deen made the following announcements:

Mom's In Touch Meeting	May 21 st at 8:00 am
Jason's Deli Fundraiser	May 18 th
Splash Day - K-2nd Grades & Lifeskills	May 26 th
Splash Day - 3rd-5th Grades	May 27 th
Fifth Grade Graduation	June 1 st
Last Day of School	June 3 rd

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm.

Carrie King, Secretary
Jennifer Deen, President

Approved: