

Rice PTA Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Rice PTA Board was held at the home of Jennifer Deen on December 14, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 12:08 am by President, Jennifer Deen. A quorum was present.

President's Remarks:

- Jennifer Deen reminded everyone that we are collecting Target gift cards for 11 Rice families in need.

Principal's Remarks (taken during Committee Reports):

- Jennifer Sturm reported that today she met with TISD maintenance regarding the playground. The fence will come down this week and the ground will be leveled. Construction will begin the week after Christmas and should be complete the second week of January. Jennifer thanked everyone for their hard work on this project.
- Mrs. Sturm asked everyone to please give their thanks to Virginia Hodges for her work on the Christmas play.
- Mrs. Sturm announced that she just received our "school report card" which gives our TEA rating. Students are doing better than compared to last year and more information will be provided after the first of the year.
- Mrs. Sturm reported that staff is gearing up for the winter break. Attendance has been down recently due to illnesses but Rice is fairing better than many other schools.
- Ms. Jones asked the status of TISD's plans for Rice (rebuilding or remodeling). Mrs. Sturm reported that Owens and Birdwell are next on the list and that Dixie and Rice are last. It is up to TISD to chose whether to rebuild or remodel.

Secretary's Report:

- Carrie King reported that the minutes of the November 16, 2009 Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Ruth Davis reported for Justin Rowe and presented the 2009-2010 budget report dated December 14, 2009 (attached hereto). Virginia made a motion to accept the report as stated. The motion was seconded, no further discussion was had, and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Hospitality

- Ruth Davis reported for Dacia Alford that the teachers' cookie exchange was a great success.

Partner School

- Ginger Brandt reported that over 185 items were collected during our clothing drive. 80 of the items were uniforms. Ginger is working with the nurse at Griffin and will get all useable items delivered.

Newsletter

- Jennifer Smith reported that the newsletter deadline is January 19th and an email reminder will be sent out.

Art from the Heart

- Stacey Drew reported that planning is underway. She is hoping to get more project coordinators signed up and will be sending more information home after the holidays. Individual projects are underway and are being matted. Project budgets will also be raised this year.

Dads' Week

- Lynette Maynard reported that Dads' Week will be held in January and volunteers will be needed. Please let her know if you are able to help.

Yearbook

- Shawn Sheffield reported that the first yearbook deadline is January 11th. Please send any pictures you have (with student names).
- Shawn also reported that this is our last year under contract with Lifetouch. There was a discussion regarding having the yearbook published through TISD. Ms. Sturm agreed to bring a sample yearbook to the next meeting.

Old Business

Acquisitions

- Laura Miller reported that all acquisitions voted on at the general meeting passed and they are busy placing orders.

New Business

Nominating Committee

- Kristen Sheets, Jana Kuhn, and Stacey Drew agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. Ginger Brandt and Julia Speight agreed to serve as alternates if needed.

Prayer Group

- Julie Lankford reported that she is starting a prayer group based on a Moms In Touch International program. She is planning to attend a prayer group meeting held by a group from Jack Elementary to get information on how the meetings are conducted. She will be in touch with a location and more information soon.

Announcements

- Jennifer Deen made the following announcements:

Christmas Break	December 21 - January 1
Tyler ISD Appreciation Month	January
Teacher's Winter Luncheon	January 8 - 10:20 - 1:45
Newsletter Deadline	January 19
PTA Board Meeting - 11:30 -Papacita's	January 25
Lunch with Dad's week	January 25 - 29
Donuts with Dads	January 29

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Carrie King, Secretary
Jennifer Deen, President

Approved:
Ruth Davis
Lynette Maynard
Tamani Frazier