

University Elementary School PTO Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Shannon Starks.

I. The Minutes for the January 14, 2014 meeting were approved.

II. Treasurer's Report—Kerry McGarry reported that the budget was very similar to December, with the addition of funds from Box Tops and Skate Night. The customized T-shirt order is in as well, with a very quick turnaround.

III. Principal's Report—Michi McClaine reported that Mrs. Davis' 6th Grade class won the video presentation contest for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. with a movie created on iMovie. ISTEP paper and pencil applied skill portion will be the first week in March, and the rest of the online portion of ISTEP will be the first week of May. Because of the weather, recess has had to be held indoors, and the staff is working on incorporating movement into the school day. The staff page of the website is updated and ready to browse. Because of snow days, the last day of school now stands at Wednesday, May 28.

IV. School Resource Officer: Jim Whitmer:

Introducing himself tonight to the PTO is the new School Resource Officer, Jim Whitmer. The school resource officer is a law enforcement officer for the school system, giving age appropriate counseling and classroom presentations. Officer Whitmer will make connections with the kids in each school and make sure that the kids are kept safe. Officer Whitmer's office is in Grandview, but he will be a resource in all the elementary, middle, and high schools. He is in every school at least once per week. Officer Whitmer is available for questions from parents.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Family Health and Fitness Night—Shannon Starks reported that the night was a huge success. Natalie Kubat reported that there were many more people in attendance than last year. The obstacle course was a hit. An estimated profit of over \$275 was made on food and t-shirts. Natalie Kubat reported that the planning committee suggests that the end of February would work better next year, and that some giveaways should be purchased or donated next year. Michi McClaine suggested asking President's Challenge to donate some giveaways.
- b. Playground Fundraiser Committee—Dana Backs reported that some ideas for Playground Fundraisers would be a Pancake Breakfast at Longhorn, a carnival, a Paypal account set up for those who would like to donate, a cornhole tournament, etc. Another event that could make money in conjunction with a carnival could be a garage sale. Saturday, August 30 was suggested as a good day for the event from 10 to 2. More help is needed in the committee.
- c. Dining for Dollars—It was decided that all dine and donate events will benefit the Playground Fund. Jami Sargent volunteered to be the new coordinator for these events.

V. Upcoming Events

- a. Skate Night—Tuesday, February 25th; 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- b. Next Meeting—Tuesday, March 11th; 6:30-7:30 p.m.

VI. Comments/Questions—Natalie Kubat suggested that documents should be put in an online document storage so that physical binders would no longer be necessary, and easier for chairs and volunteers to locate.

PTO Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 pm