

Melissa Ridge PTSO

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2011 – Regular Meeting

Melissa Ridge Intermediate @ 6:30pm

In Attendance: Buffi Robinson, Cindy Kasson, Kim Merchant, Jennifer Hood, Christy Fiori, Kristie Golden, Betty Walthall, Venus Malone, Marcy Norwood, Suzy McCraw

President – Buffi Robinson

- Buffi called meeting to order at 6:35pm. Board members read minutes from December. Marcy Norwood motioned to approve and Kristie Golden seconded.
- Pizza Hut has offered to jointly sponsor a fundraiser night. If they bring in at least \$500 in pizza sales, 20% will go back to the PTSO. The committee agreed it was worth pursuing, so Buffi will talk with the Pizza Hut Manager.
- General Assembly Meeting: there was a recommendation to have the meeting on 5/31. That date is also the 5th Grade Recorder Concert and a portfolio celebration, so it could all be rolled in together. More discussion to follow.
- Elections: they are to be held in March. If members have been in their position 2 years, they must change. We need to canvass friends/acquaintances for interest. We do know that Maureen Ashley, Melissa McCombs, and Kari Miller are all interested in a position. Kim Merchant and Jennifer Hood's terms are expired, so new teacher representation will also be needed.

Vice President – Marcy Norwood

- Nothing to report from Marcy.
- There was some discussion about responsibilities for this position for next year. The primary tasks are Box Tops and Directories; however, since we aren't creating a Directory, maybe a new task could be Communications.

Treasurer/Asst Treasurer – Suzy McCraw

- Financial reports were unavailable for printing due to PC issues; however, she reported we currently have \$4454.02 in operating and \$550 in fundraising. Some of the fundraising budget has been used as the Race activities begin.

Ways & Means – Betty Walthall

- Website is up for the Melissa Ridge Race. There will be 3 races: 5K (starts at 8am) and 1M (starts at 8:30am) and Fun Run (starts at 9am). Betty reviewed the sponsor sheets and requested that everyone contact businesses/sponsors.
- Will begin food sales at 9am and have it in the High School Cafeteria.
- All awards will be once all races have completed.

Hospitality – Venus Malone

- Valentine's Day falls on Monday, so there was discussion about what to do for Sweets for Sweets. The SOS group is also doing something special for the teachers, so we may want to move Sweets for Sweets to another date.

Programs –

- Candy not at meeting, but Mrs. Fiori discussed the Bully Program led by Keith Davis in December. She said it was very good, very engaging with the kids, and something we want to continue to do. Plus, it was free.

Volunteers – Kristie Golden

- Nothing to report for now, but volunteers will be needed as the school year progresses with Field Trips.

Community Outreach – Ashley Hart

- Ashley was unable to attend, but she had reported thru Buffi that there will be a Supply Drive in the Spring.

Incentives – Cindy Kasson

- The 2nd 9 weeks parties will be 1/28/11.
 - MRI- A honor roll and perfect attendance - certificate and nacho / drinks during lunch
 - MRI A/B honor roll - certificate and popcorn / drinks:
 - 6th grade during recess, 11:45
 - 5th grade 2:45.
 - MMS A and A/B honor card, NO CERTIFICATES FOR MMS.
- Cindy indicated she needs student names on 1/17 in order to have certificates and invitations go out with report cards on 1/19.

Staff Representatives – Kim Merchant and Jennifer Hood

- Mrs. Hood reported the following:
 - Portfolio Meetings – 1/17
 - Report Cards = 1/19
 - TAKS Information Night – 1/20
 - Benchmark Testing – week of 1/11 (delayed a day because of Snow Day)
 - Scoliosis Testing for 5th grade – 1/19
 - Pennies for Patients – 1/31 – 2/18
- Mr. Merchant reported there will be an MMS Dance “Night in Paris” on 1/29, in the High School Cafeteria, semi-formal, from 7-10pm.

Principal – Christy Fiori

- Mrs. Fiori reported Huddle on 1/28, MMS Spelling Bee on 1/13, and MRI Spelling Bee on 1/20.

No new business.

At 7:20pm, Kristie Golden motioned to end the meeting, and Betty Walthall seconded.

Next meeting is February 8, 2011 at 6:30pm.