

MINUTES

Melissa Ridge PTSO

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2010 – Regular Meeting
Melissa Ridge Intermediate @ 6:30pm

In Attendance: *AJ Blackwell, Bailey Chamberlain, Megan Conlin, Tammy Duzenack, Christy Fiori, Michelle Harrison, Ashley Hart, Renee Heinz, Cindy Kasson, Venus Malone, Kim Merchant, Suzy McCraw, Marcy Norwood, Buffi Robinson, Betty Walthall, Katie Webb*

President – Buffi Robinson

- Buffi called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. Board members read the minutes from October. It was determined that many changes needed made and approval of the October minutes was tabled for a later time.

Vice-President – Marcy Norwood

- Marcy stated that \$267.10 worth of Box Tops labels were submitted for the 10/31 deadline.

Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer – Renee Heinz and Suzy McCraw

- Suzy handed out and went over the financial reports from the new software program.
- We currently have \$3,160.31 in our operating and \$550 in our fundraising account.
- Venus motioned that the financial reports be approved, Katie Webb seconded, and all approved.

Ways and Means – Betty Walthall

- Betty gave us an update on preparations for the Melissa Ridge Race on March 26, 2011.
- Betty and Tammy will work together to set pricing. Students who sign up for the race will earn a homework pass and there will also be a drawing to have lunch with Mrs. Fiori. Detail will be worked out at a later time.
- Food for the event was discussed. Venus will find out if a roll-away warmer is available for us to use and that will determine the morning's menu.

Hospitality – Venus Malone

- UIL for 6th-8th grade will be held at MMS on December 10, 2010. Venus will utilize our volunteer database in PTO Manager, a Constant Contact email, and Mrs. Fiori's database to find volunteers. NHS and NJHS students will most likely also need volunteer hours. Venus will communicate to the board and any other volunteers her needs. She is still waiting for final numbers from Mr. Platt and will finalize the menu at that time.
- A Holiday Teacher Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 15, in room 12 from 11:15 am to 1:30 pm. Venus will send out information regarding what's needed via email, as our next board meeting is the night before the luncheon!

Publicity – Tammy Duzenack

- Tammy will create a Constant Contact email blast regarding the Community Coffee Cash for Schools program and requesting volunteers for UIL.

Community Outreach – Ashley Hart

- Ashley stated that training for the new mentoring program would take place on Friday, November 12. The list of participating students is ready and all the adults who were asked to be involved responded positively.

Incentives – Cindy Kasson

- Cindy stated that students in grades 7 & 8 who were on the A Honor Roll for the first nine weeks received “Honor Cards” good for various treats. The cards expire at the end of this second nine weeks. Students in grades 5 & 6 who were on the A Honor Roll and who had perfect attendance were given a pizza party. Students in grades 5 & 6 who were on the A/B Honor Roll were given an ice cream party. For the second nine weeks, Cindy will plan parties for each of the three groups in grades 5 & 6.

Staff Representatives – Michelle Harrison & Kim Merchant

- The Domination Dance was a big success. AJ said it was a lot of fun and Bailey said that not a lot of kids came. They are hoping for higher attendance at the next dance, which will be January 29, 2011. The theme is “A Night in Paris” and will be for students in grades 7 & 8.
- Tammy began a discussion surrounding the time of the dances. Mrs. Fiori stated that the dances would now be from 7:00 to 10:00 pm.
- Mr. Merchant stated that \$500 had been collected for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.
- Ms. Harrison stated that the 5th grade would be having their Thanksgiving feast on Friday, November 19, 2010.
- 6th grade is getting ready for their food tasting event surrounding the book, Becoming Naomi Leon.

Student Representatives

- AJ Blackwell stated that he likes staying up late and eating at IHOP.

Principal – Christy Fiori

- Mrs. Fiori attended the Melissa City Council meeting in which the 2010 Texas Municipal League’s Municipal Excellence-City Spirit Award for cities under 25,000 was presented. Students from MMS were involved with the City in efforts to better the communication between the City and its residents. This award honored the collaboration and a new challenge will be coming.
- A Veteran’s Day huddle will be held Thursday, November 11, at 2:35 pm in the MPB Gym. Local veterans will be honored and the 5th grade will perform.
- Picture retakes are November 17.
- The Book Fair will be held December 3-9.
- Mrs. Fiori presented the board with the list of MRI/MMS expenditures for the money received from Melissa Ridge Race 2010.

The Holiday Food Drive taking place throughout the District was discussed. Buffi asked if any assistance was needed from the PTSO for this effort for Mrs. Fiori or Mr. Merchant to let us know. They agreed.

At 7:54 pm, Renee Heinz motioned to adjourn the meeting, Betty Walthall seconded, and all were in favor.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 14, at 6:30 pm.