

HILL MINUTES

Ruth Hill PTA Minutes

December 12th, 2012

6:30p

In attendance

Sara Thomsen
Lori Druse
Rebecca Schultz
Julie Thielen
Mrs. Phillips
Kelly Winkler
Madea Ouellette
Amanda Suhr
Patty Anderson
Mariana Schell

Treasurers Report:

Rebecca reviewed the budget and current PTA balance is \$21,668.98. There were no changes made to the budget.

Principals Report:

Mrs. Phillips discussed the following items in her report.

- 1). Winter break will begin on Friday, December 23rd. Students report back to school on Monday, January 9th.
- 2). School will dismiss at 1:300p on Tuesday, December 20th for professional learning community meetings.
- 3). Watch the school website and notes in the Thursday folders for second semester clubs including technology club, chess club, robotics, club and nature club for students in grades 3-5. Enrollment in all classes will be limited.
- 4). Mrs. Claus and Mr. Danley have sent information home with children about Artsonia. Artsonia is a wonderful way to electronically save student art work through the years. This is an optional service for Hill families who have computer access in the home and a desire to save their child's art pieces through the years.
- 5). To promote wellness and physical activity, our students at Hill School play outdoors for recess unless weather conditions prevent us from being outdoors. Temperatures and wind chills at zero degrees or below always keep us indoors. Rainy, icy and other storm-related conditions can result in keeping students indoors. Please always dress your children for the weather. If your child has been ill or recovering from illness and you wish to keep him/her indoors please send a note to your child's teacher and we will gladly honor your request.

Teachers Report:

Mrs. Anderson thanked the PTA for all of the activities we plan and provide for the school throughout the year. She visits PTA meetings throughout the district and said that Ruth Hill is very fortunate to have such a strong and supportive PTA. She and Mrs. Phillips also thanks the PTA and parents for the wonderful Cookie Exchange. They said they cookies were amazing!!

Membership & Dues:

Lori has received half of the dues cards and is waiting for the other half to be delivered. Once she receives all of them she will send them home in Thursday folders.

Apparel Sales Update:

Sara provided an update on the Hill T-Shirts. They arrived the week of Dec. 12th and will be sent home with students that week. All checks submitted by parents will be cashed and t-shirts will be received.

Cherrydale Catalog Fundraiser:

Total sales for the catalog fundraiser were \$6000. Hill receives 50% of the profit! Cherrydale will be delivering the merchandise and an email was sent home to parents letting them know that they will go home with students the week of Dec. 19th and if there were large orders they could be picked up at the school.

Outdoor Classroom Update:

Next meeting is January 5th at 10:00a to look at new site location.

Bylaws:

Lori is reviewing our bylaws and asked for input regarding term limits and committee chairs and descriptions. The group voted to not have term limits and committee chair positions will be assigned by the PTA president.

Reach Update:**Kickoff: February 9th**

Reading dates: February 25th-March 2nd

We discussed reward options and will go with gift cards from Target, Barnes & Noble, and the pizza party. Mariana Schell has agreed to help with this project.

Scholarships:

We have not received any scholarship applications. The applications can be located on our website. This is open to all graduating High School seniors. Scholarships are in the amount of \$500.

Next Meeting

Monday, January 9th. 6:30p