



PTA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

At 6:53 pm Tara Albrigo opened and welcomed everyone to the General Membership Meeting in the absence of our President Dr. Rachel Sutz Pienta who was unable to attend. There were about 13 in attendance, with poor weather conditions.

Minutes from the General Membership Meeting, November 8, 2011, were distributed and approved. Future Meeting Notes will be published on the Kate Sullivan Elementary Website.

Kate Kile handed out and went over the proposed end of the school year budget. After discussion the budget was passed.

Kate Kile gave the fund raising report:

- 1) We will be doing the Tech Walk again this year.
 - a. Tara Albrigo gave a report on the plans to send out donation sheets after the event and encouraged parents to help and participate in this year's event.
- 2) The web based fund raiser is coming and will be well advertised.
- 3) "I Heart Art" will be held April 27, 2012, at Dorothy B. Oven Park, excitement is being generated to draw art enthusiasts across Leon County.
- 4) Share night at the Red Elephant was a hit so we will have another on February 23rd, 2012. Share night funds go to help Kate Sullivan families in need.

Lori Womack gave a report on Kate Sullivan Recycling. The committee is working toward recycling toner cartridges along with ink jet cartridges. The KSN News will be reading a script encouraging students to recycle and get their parents to recycle. The Jooner website is being set up to facilitate volunteer help on Wednesday's and Friday's. They are currently working on teaming up with Mr. Miller in his recycling efforts on campus. Overall things are going well.

Principal Pam Stephens gave the SAC report. The hot topic was the Success Maker and she is planning to have a consultant from Success Maker attend the next SAC meeting.

Kelley Des Marais gave an updated report on the Garden Committee. The garden had a great harvest. Students successfully tasted new foods grown in the garden and made pesto and vegetable soup. Kindergarten had a seed planting day. The winter garden is under way with carrots, lettuce, radishes, peas and collards. Ms. Gove's 3rd grade class has made a pizza garden from a kiddie wading pool growing herbs and vegetables found in/on pizza; they are using the garden in their Science and Math journals. In the spring they are hoping to add new beds. A

\$500 grant has been secured from Florida Agriculture; there are parents and teachers working on more grants as well. Principal Pam Stephens said she had money from the school she could donate toward new beds in the spring. There are many volunteer opportunities and a website to keep up with all that is going on in the garden at www.katesullivangarden.org. The committee is looking for someone interested in helping to maintain their web site.

Kimberlie Autry gave an update on the proposed teacher work room project. With the budget approved phase one will take place in the next week with the Ellison Die System being ordered. Teachers have been notified that improvements are coming in phases. Once the Die System is ordered the teachers will be notified then given an opportunity to vote on which individual dies they would like to order first. A committee is forming to begin the details of the physical work room space and phase 2 the lamination system. A large part of this project will be determined by how well our spring fundraiser does.

Principal Pam Stephens reported that the break was good and teachers came back working hard. There is no word from the District on the progress/lack of concerning the new building. Mrs. Stephens encouraged us to promote our school with the onset of a new charter school to be open in August. Some parents agreed to help promote the school and notify their community organizations of the education offered at Kate Sullivan Elementary.

We were reminded that play dates at the park are on the first Sunday of every month. This along with wearing our Kate Sullivan T-Shirts and sporting Kate Sullivan car magnets helps to promote our school.

With no further business Tara Albrigo adjourned the meeting at 7:50. The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, the same night as Book Fair Family Night and Science Fair.