

AISB
February 20, 2008
AISB Library, 1600h
MINUTES

In Attendance: Lara Prihodko, Kymberly Tiffany, Maria Ramillo, Gary Holsten, Rachel Strozeski, Omar Saibou, Muriel Durand, Jan Derpak, Richard Koczwarski
Absent: Claudia Vondrasek, Kelly Dalton

Call to order

The president called the meeting to order at 1550

The president discussed the agenda

Approval of minutes from 01/24/08

Rachel moved to approve the January 24, 2008 minutes, seconded by Kym. January 24th minutes were approved by majority.

New Business

We had a request from Christy Bennett to order new swings for the pre-school and elementary playgrounds.

She had some money left over from the playground renovation last year and would like to replace some swings, 2 for elementary school and 2 for the early learning center.

Playground improvement is not a line item this year and the money from last year does not carry over. However, we haven't spent much this year (so far we are even with our events), so should be able to afford this.

Move by Gary to spend money on swings, seconded by Kym.
Approved by majority

In the same vein, we need something to make the 'tarzan' tree safe. Ideas - cargo net, tarzan rope, spider-web of old tires.

Sale of PE uniforms: The PTO spent \$3,000 for 200 hundred uniforms. They are on sale for 12000 for shorts and t-shirt together or 6000 for

shorts, 7000 for t-shirts individually.

Scholastic book orders for 2008-2009: The book order was moved to fall of 2008, \$11,000 worth of books will be on the container. However, since scholastic only gives us 5 months to pay the bill we can't place the order now because the container won't ship until summer. We need to organize the purchasing for this summer and need to do the book fair earlier in the school year to complete it all in 5 months. If this fails, we might need to ask the school board to loan us some money. Gary will pursue it.

Google club update: Muriel has made a flier and it's ready to go. How will we send it out? It needs to go through David and then should be sent out electronically, either in an email or in the next newsletter. We should put the google club information on the PTO website.

The 6th grade wrote essays on how to improve leisure activity time in the secondary school.

They would like to present their ideas to the PTO. Maybe we should invite them to the March 13th meeting and have them present the ideas from the top 3 essays.

How much do we want to spend? We spent \$800 last year. Perhaps wait to see how much profit we make on the festival.

Some ideas: sand volleyball court, play equipment, improving basketball court, purchasing some games. In general a better use of the land is needed. Will things be permanent? Can we take it with us to the new campus?

This project will need a designated organizer. Should ultimate decision on improvements be put out to a secondary school vote?

Hot lunch: seems to be going well, a few minimal hassles.

Early next year we should have an ice breaker, sport day together for new and returning families.

A committee should be formed right away headed by someone outside of the PTO.

Gary suggested activities such as high level 'trust' games, tribe like games, families mixed up.

We can't depend on the ambassador to host. The event should be held the first week of school, perhaps at the American club.

We should ask the CLO for any publicly available information in their 'newcomers' book to distribute to new families.

Committee Reports

Festival Committee

Map is not yet complete.

Food Tickets will be 500cfa each

10000 cfa per game table will be spent on prizes.

Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting by Gary, seconded by Kym, approved by majority.

Meeting is adjourned at 1625.