

GOVERNOR'S RANCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNAPPROVED PTA
MINUTES

February 24, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Stipp called meeting to order at 7:11pm.

ATTENDEES

President Tom Stipp, 1st Vice President Tamra VanNorstrand, 2nd Vice President Marnie O'Connor, 3rd Vice President Principal Will Morton and Secretary Jayme Piegat were all present from the Executive Board along with 9 members. Treasurer Kristen Colonell was absent.

APPROVAL OF MEETING

MOTION

Lori Elvera moved to start the meeting.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION

Will Morton moved to approve the agenda as is.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor.

MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes from the January meeting were read.

Ann Donelson moved to approve the minutes.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE All in favor.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The installer arrived today, February 24,2010. There are currently four projector and document cameras that have been installed. The order of installation will be C- Pod, B-Pod, after Spring Break A-Pod. The school funds will be replacing the computer lab. 30 new computers have been ordered. The goal is to have it running before Spring Break.

Principal Will Morton discussed the events that unfolded at Deer Creek Middle School this past week. It highlighted how vulnerable everyone is. Deer Creek had all the correct procedures in place. However, this has caused the teachers and staff to look at being more diligent in GRE's security measures. Priority is everyone must check into the office and get a name badge. An additional staff member will be added to the front door before and after school. There currently are staff members at the crosswalk, parking lot, bike rack and playground. Drop-off and pick-up need to stay on the outside of the school building. The staff and teachers are prepared to have a small conversation with their classes. During the 3rd Grade concert the Principal will inform the student body of f taking care of each other from outsiders and bullying. He commended the Jeffco Messaging System.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SCIENCE FAIR

There will be no Science Fair this year due to lack of a Committee Chair.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The spaghetti dinner will happen regardless of the Science Fair, it is being considered a community event. It will be held on March 25, 2010 from 5-7:30pm. The cost has always been around \$5-\$8 per person.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is that time of year again. The PTA is in need of a Nominating Committee. This group is in charge of presenting all people who are interested in running for an Executive Board position. The new nominees will be presented in March, voted on in April and sworn in in May. The Deadline for all nominees is March 16, 2010.

Positions that are vacant are as follows:

1. President
2. President Elect
3. 1st Vice President
4. 2nd Vice President
5. Treasurer
6. Secretary

Parliamentarian is open, this is an appointed position. The current Principal always holds the 3rd Vice President position.

Anyone interested in being on the Nominating Committee or on the Executive Board please contact President Tom Stipp.

FINANCE

Ken Dugger offered to form a Budget Review Committee to analyze all line items. He will be starting with the ExCel budget. This committee is in charge of gathering information that would help the PTA to create a more defined and clearer budget for the next school year. It is good to know exactly how the money is being spent, where it is going, so that it can be redirected it need be or cut back if need be.

17,000

Finance Committee Chair Dan Elvera reminded the PTA that \$10,000 has already been set aside for a slush fund. The school is about to embark on harder years to come due to the budget crisis. He recommended holding onto the \$17,000 until Ken Dugger reports back to the PTA all his findings in the April meeting. Dan is not comfortable with spending all the \$17,000, nor is he comfortable with keeping it all just to maintain the current budget as usual.

MOTION

Dan Elvera moved to delay the decision to spend down the \$17,000 until all recommendations come forth from the Budget Review Committee.
Motion seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

A PTA member asked it would be possible to get a new stage curtain. This member suggested putting on her own fundraiser. It was made known that GRE has prided itself in not fundraising since it began.

MOTION

Katie Sheehan moved to ask the PTA to buy a new stage curtain.
Motion was seconded

VOTE

Motion was denied.

TEDFORD RECONGNITION

1st Vice President Tamra VanNorstrand presented the PTA with the following ideas that were discussed in the previous meeting concerning a plaque/plaques for the Tedford family. The Following is put into a two-part motion.

Tedford Recognition –
Part I

- A. Present a recognition plaque to the Tedfords, thanking them for their continued contributions to Governor’s Ranch. The plaque will be “wrapped” in an artful object designed by Mrs. Jones and personalized with each GRE student’s signature/handprint/thumbprint. Design to be created and decided on by Mrs. Jones. This plaque and personalized student body object will be presented to the Tedfords at the Volunteer Reception scheduled for May 2010.
- B. A “Tedford Award” will be given to an outstanding GRE volunteer annually at Volunteer Reception and noted on a plaque displayed at GRE.
- C. Annually, the student body will create and send a large Thank You card to the Tedfords, along with a note stating the Tedford Award winner.

MOTION

Kathy Dodrill moved to accept Part I of the Tedford Recognition.
Motion was seconded.

VOTE

All in favor.

2nd Vice President Tamra VanNorstrand presented Part II of the Tedford Recognition.

Part II

- A. Create line item “Tedford Award”
 - a. Budget
 - b. Chairperson
- B. Assign “Tedford Award” to another committee
 - a. Hospitality
 - b. PTA Exec. Board
- C. Expense
 - a. Initial
 - b. Future

TEDFORD CONT.

It was decided that there does not need to be a separate line item in the budget for the “Tedford Award”. It would fall under the Hospitality Committee. Principal Will Morton decided to gift the initial cost of the gift to the PTA from his Principal’s Fund. This would leave a small fund for subsequent years to come to cover the annually given card, award to recipient and a notation on school plaque of recipient’s name.

MOTION

Kathy Dodrill moved to designate funds to the Tedford’s Award for each subsequent year to not exceed \$50.

VOTE

All in favor.

STANDING RULES/BYLAWS

The Board informed the PTA that it updated its Standing Rules.

President Tom Stipp brought before the PTA two changes that the Executive Board would like to make to the bylaws.

1. Article 6 Section 6 - change 5 members to 3 members for the Nominating Committee.
2. Article 9 Section 5 – change the word consent to approval.

VOTE

All in favor.

TALENT SHOW

Committee Chair Katie Sheehan reported that the Talent Show tryouts went really well. There will be 43 acts, 6 Emcees all from the 6th grade. The show is this Friday at 7pm.

COLUMBINE AFTER PROM

The yearly letter from Columbine High School for contributions to after prom is in. In the past GRE has always given \$100. This has always been one of the few ways the school has given monetarily to the community.

MOTION

Ann Donelson moved to ask for a \$100 donation to Columbine High School's After Prom.

VOTE

All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP

Next Friday, March 5th Mrs. Price's class will have their pizza party for getting the highest number of PTA members as a class.

YEARBOOK

Tracy Tiedman is done with the yearbook.

Destination Imagination

Kimberly Crouch-Wong reported that there are 3 teams participating in DI on March 6 at Alameda High School. The teams are Jolly Ranchers, Tiki Monkeys, and Hot Tamales. There are different age brackets for DI, K-2 is Rising Stars, and they are not judged. There is an all-3rd grade team, a 3rd-5th-grade team and an all-6th grade team. She looks forward to reporting the results at the next meeting.

MOTION

Joanne Russum moved to adjourn the meeting.
Motion was seconded

Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Library.