



Howard PTO Meeting Minutes – Feb. 10, 2010

- I. Meeting called to order by Lee Ann Jones, President at 12:05 p.m.
- II. Invocation by Gail Armstrong
- III. Lee Ann thanked 'Tim The Girl Catering' for providing lunch.
- IV. Speakers

A. Mr. Dan Bolen – Howard Interim Principal

1. Howard has 412 enrolled students for the 2010-2011 year and at this time last year, there were 377.
2. Mon, 2/15 is a staff development day – the staff will be able to choose from sessions that address the district's goals.
3. Mid-year assessments are completed and the children did well.
4. Brene Brown spoke and Mr. Bolen touched on a couple of key points that stood out to him: *sleep is very important – ½ of all discipline problems are due to lack of sleep
*Unstructured play is very important for psychological play

B. Kristin LeVoyer/Howard FACE Campaign Representative

1. Alamo Heights Foundation Roundup will be held 2/24 at Incarnate Word – Tickets for Roundup are for sale for \$55.00 each or \$1,000 or \$1,500 for a table. Tickets can be bought online. Go to

http://www.ahisd.net/Foundation_web/ways_to_give/specialevents.htm
for more information.

C. Dan St. Romain –

1. A child needs four things: belonging; generosity; mastery; independence. Many children come socially deprived because they aren't solving problems. If you want your children to be independent, it has to be their routine. It is very important for our children to solve their own problems. We rush to solve problems because we rush into solving problems. The more we teach them to do things independently, the better off our children will be.

V. Board Reports

- A. PTO January Minutes were approved.

- B. Book Fair/Patti Mays – the book fair will be held 2/22-26. There will be a Texas Tea Room where the parents or a special friend can have lunch with their child and then attend the book fair afterwards. The book fair will run 8a-2:30 p.m. daily. If you would like to help, please email Patti Mays at pattimays@yahoo.com**
- C. Playground/Troy Foote – An approval was made to move forward on the playground initiatives.**
- D. After School Enrichment/Kelly Stevens – will be held Mon-Thu 4/5-4/7**
- E. Teacher Appreciation/Julie Hill – Each teacher was given a \$20 gift card. Conferences will be held 3/29-4/1. Please contact Julie Hill you would like to help with providing food to the teachers: Juliana.hill@hotmail.com**
- F. Kinder Creations/Katie Mimari – The last day to donate is 2/11. The goal is the give each teacher \$50.00 to use within the classroom.**
- G. Mini Fiesta – Will be held Thursday, 4/22 9-11 a.m. and there will be 20 activities. If you would like to help out, please contact Marybeth Mosbacker at mosbacker@sbcglobal.net**

VI. New Business, Lee Ann Jones

- A. The 2010-2011 executive board is in the works. Please pass on any suggestions and/or nominations. Lee Ann's email is lajoneslaw@earthlink.net**
- B. Dr. Kevin Brown will speak about the bond at the next meeting Wednesday, April 7th. There will not be a March meeting.**
- C. Some of the PTO money will be used for technology. We are waiting to see what teacher grants were approved before moving forward with spending some of the budget. More will be known at the April PTO meeting.**
- D. Mrs. Francis – Howard's very own prek teacher, provided the door prizes – two \$20.00 gift cards to spend on her own jewelry line.**
- E. MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Next PTO meeting is Wednesday, April 7th.**
- G. After School Enrichment – 4/5-4/7**
- H. Mini Fiesta – Thursday, 4/22**

I. Book Fair – 2/22-2/26

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.