



## **Terraset PTA Meeting MINUTES 6:15pm Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

The meeting opened at 6:20pm

*Members Present:* Stephanie Randall (President), Heather Thomas (Vice President), Annette Bobby (Treasurer), Liz Falcone (Secretary), Joan Carter (Assistant Principal), Marie Cherement, Mary Nell Clark, Faye Coddling, Ellen Cury (Principal), Bettina Forman, Tammy French, Jeny Guy, Juliet McClellan, Aimee Minto, Dianne Rose, Leslie Sogandares, Kathy Somer, Josie Stanmyre, Alison Stobie, Traci Waller, Jennifer Schoenbarn, Teresa Warkel, Lisa Wood.

*In attendance:* Laura Conners, Rebecca Estrada, Marlen Florentino, Neil French, Vicki Greene, Lawrence Grossback, Katie Guy, Amy Krull, Julie McHale, Justin McHale, Iraj Mostafa, Cynthia Porter, Greg Porter, Mary Purvis, Angelica Quintero, Eudia Reye.

*Apologies:* Renee Gilanshah, Laurie Hodge, Hanne Mescall, Suzanne White.

1. Stephanie Randall welcomed all present and introduced the PTA Board for 2009-2010. She offered some background information on the purpose and function of the PTA:
  - 1.1. The national PTA provides us with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child to help them be safe, healthy, and successful— in school and in life.
  - 1.2. Terraset PTA is a very active local unit given we are a small school. There are many opportunities to get involved at school and home.
  - 1.3. We are committed to bettering the school via a strong parent and teacher community that fosters open communication, outstanding learning and fun through activities such as:
    - 1.3.1. GRACE Art and Math Superstars
    - 1.3.2. Bingo Night, Fun Run, Carnival...
    - 1.3.3. After School Programs, Field Days
2. *President's Report and PTA Board Goals for 2009-2010:*
  - 2.1. Stephanie Randall reported a very successful year in 2008-2009
    - 2.1.1. Launch of the PTA's TouchPoint eNewsletter
    - 2.1.2. Revitalization of [www.terrasetpta.org](http://www.terrasetpta.org)
    - 2.1.3. Record \$10,000 raised from the Innisbrook gift wrap sale
    - 2.1.4. Mini-Grants funding to over eight applications including:
      - Field Trips e.g. InnerQuest, Jamestown
      - School Musical
      - Professional Development
    - 2.1.5. Memorable Earth Day Celebration carnival
    - 2.1.6. Inaugural Terraset Fun Run
    - 2.1.7. Distribution of \$41,000 to Terraset Community

- 2.2. The PTA Board Goals for 2009-2010 are:
  - 2.2.1. Increase Mini-Grants funding from \$3000 to \$8000 offering exciting opportunities for teaching resources
  - 2.2.2. Launch Three4Me volunteer campaign. Studies show that by volunteering just three hours a year, your child develops a deeper understanding of how much you value and respect their education
  - 2.2.3. Establish a Terraset Technology Improvement Fund
    - Goal: 12 new computers for the school at \$750 each
    - Target: \$9000
  - 2.2.4. Encourage Reflections participation
  - 2.2.5. Continue to provide numerous opportunities for community and fun
3. *Previous Minutes from June 2009* were presented. Dianne Rose moved that they were an accurate record of the meeting. Seconded, Leslie Sogandares. Approved.
4. *Treasurer's Report* (Annette Bobby)
  - 4.1. Annette reported a gross income of \$53,342 for 2008-2009. Of that, \$41,203 was distributed to fund activities such as: after school programs, family events, assemblies, teacher mini-grants, school grounds, and operating expenses.
  - 4.2. A Local Unit Audit was undertaken over the summer. The report concluded that the records of the treasurer were correct. Traci Waller moved to approve the report. Seconded, Julie McHale. Approved.
  - 4.3. Annette presented the proposed budget for 2009-2010. The Board recommends a target income of \$46, 410. With a balance brought forward of \$18,848, that gives a total of \$65,258 to work with. The Board recommends a distribution of \$57,499 with major increases being:
    - 4.3.1. Teacher Mini-Grants increased from \$3000 to \$8000
    - 4.3.2. The introduction of an Educational Resources Fund to support important needs in the school that were not met due to the severe budget cuts this year.

The proposed budget allows for \$7,758 to carry forward for startup of 2010-2011 school year. Leslie Sogandares moved to approve the budget. Seconded, Traci Waller. Approved.
5. *Teacher Mini-Grant Application*: An application was received from the sixth grade teaching team to support the 6th Grade field trip for InnerQuest, requesting \$13 per student, totally \$546. Students will still be required to pay \$25, however, the meeting was reassured that no student would miss out due to financial difficulties. The field trip is a capstone experience intended to build self-confidence, foster team work and interpersonal skills. Mary Nell Clark moved to approve the application. Seconded, Juliet McLellan. Approved.
6. "Three for Me": Heather Thomas described this new volunteer campaign. *Three for Me* is a PTA program designed to effectively involve parents and families in support of children and their education. Parents are invited to pledge just three hours of their time throughout the school year. Pledges will be called for at Back-to-School Night and over the next couple of weeks. People will be able to sign-up online. Volunteer opportunities will be announced to enable volunteers to fulfill their pledge.
7. *Committee Chair Openings*: Stephanie advised that all but one committee Chair position was filled. The remaining opening is for the Grant Applications Chair. Having said that, committee members are still required, particularly for the Volunteer Coordination Committee.

8. Bylaws Revision Committee: Liz Falcone advised that the Terraset PTA Bylaws must be submitted for review by December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. A bylaws revision committee must be established. Liz called for nominations. Dianne Rose, Leslie Sogandares and Liz Falcone were nominated. Amy Krull moved to accept these nominations and elect Dianne, Leslie and Liz to the committee. Seconded, Alison Stobie. Approved.
9. There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 6:50pm. Next meeting 7pm, Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.