

November 15, 2007
PALS Meeting Minutes

Classroom Representative Reports:

Ms. Jan – Nothing to Report

Ms. Carol – The work day went well, no specific requests at this time

Ms. Jodi – Representative, Dana, was not present at the meeting

Ms. Jennifer – Nothing to Report

Ms. Harmony – Still needs donations, supplies and books for two of her project topics, Outer Space and Transportation. She has enough for the Ocean Project right now.

Holiday gifts for teachers:

It was agreed that individual parents will buy presents for teachers and staff as they see fit. An idea was discussed to pool monies together within a classroom to get one gift from the class as a whole for each teacher and staff member. Parents within each class will get together to decide what they want to do. Each classroom representative can send out an email to parents regarding strategies for holiday gift giving. PALS will work on gifts for teachers for the Spring Teacher Appreciation Day.

501(c)(3) Donations.

Patty Liles will draft a letter to give to people who donate money to PALS. This letter will serve as a charitable contribution receipt for the donor for tax purposes. It was decided that the letters will be left with Ms. Odette in the main office.

Budget Report:

PALS received \$226.13 from Schnucks cards.

\$108.00 from extra T-shirt sales

\$ 25.00 donation to PALS

That leaves about \$8,176.38 in the PAL account

We are still waiting for a check from Kroger.

Playground Update:

The votes are in! Only 20 ballots were turned in. There were 4 verbal votes.

The majority was for Option 1.

A decision was made to table the swings and put our efforts into updating the Pecan Grove. We may eventually put swings in the Pecan Grove. We will have another meeting regarding the Pecan Grove. Vicki will draft a letter. Paul Wright (Ms. Jennifer's Class) and Steve Jones (Ms. Jan's Class) are two parents who showed interest in helping with the Pecan Grove.

Since the swings aren't going to be in the front playground, we need to come up with new ideas for what to put in the empty space. A suggestion was made for placing shade trees in the area.