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□ Message from PTA Vice President □

Japanese school PTAs are usually very organized and inflexible. So I, the PTA vice president, never thought of writing this president's greeting message. However, I'm doing it this time because Niwa-san is absent on business and asked me to write it. Actually, I think this flexible style is what we wanted to adopt. After all, the PTA's slogan this year is 'we do, what we can do.'

We are having the last 2023 PTA members meeting with vice president Hirano from 9AM on February 7th. This meeting is open to anyone who wants to come. It's a great chance to ask questions directly to Mr Hirano and have a chat with the other parents. Everyone is welcome to come to Shicho-kakushitsu on the 2nd floor on February 7th.

Lastly, I want to say that I really had a great time this year! Thank you!

Uchidehama PTA vice president Yoshiko Ohse

□ Meeting minutes □

The 5th Uchidehama Elementary School PTA was held on January 12th, 2024. The minutes are as follows

① Thank you for your help with the Music festival

On November 23rd, the school music festival was held. It went without any problems, and everyone had a great time. Thank you for cooperating and thank you for the volunteers' great help.

② About 'Kaeru Day' (used uniform selling donation day)

We made 8600yen in total on the same day as the music festival! (The items were sold 100yen each) Adding 700yen from the PTA budget, were able to buy a unicycle in December and donated it to school. Thank you for coming and cooperating. Children are already having fun with the new unicycle.

③ About 'Bell- mark coupons'

We collected many coupons and counted them in the 2nd semester. We have now collected about 10000yen point. The teachers will ask the student council members what to buy or do with these points. PTA is continuing to discuss how we can reduce the burden of counting points.

④ About recruiting volunteers for School Art Festival

The School Art Festival will be held from January 24th (Wed) to the 26th (Fri). We will soon recruit volunteer members for the reception. We appreciate your cooperation.

⑤ Sending 'Thank you cards' to community patrol members

At end of the year, we send 'thank you card' from students to community patrol members. The PTA is asking teachers to cooperate with students to prepare the cards.

⑥ About next year's PTA board members

We are now talking about how we elect PTA board members for the next year.

⑦ About welcoming new 1st graders from April

A School introduction day for the next 1st graders will be held on February 6th from 2PM. We talked about how we can introduce our new PTA and how we can get new members.



⑧ Questionnaire about weekly class morning patrol system

We are considering distributing a questionnaire at the end of January to find out how new patrol system is doing and What we should do next year.

⑨ About this year's PTA members

The Uchidehama PTA has greatly changed the system this year. We reduced the tasks people do, stopped requiring people do certain tasks, and stopped requiring parents to volunteer for more than one year. Also, we understand that sometimes both of a parents may be really busy, so neither may be able to volunteer.

In meetings, the members gave their opinions about their tasks this year, and how we can improve the system and make it even more practical next year.

⑩ About graduate members

Because of a lack of volunteer members for the events, we are thinking of asking former PTA members to help in the Sports Festival or Music Festival from next year. (Only members who apply)

