

PTO Minutes for January 9, 2007

Pam Raynock was the school board rep. She wants an understanding between the parents and the Board of Ed. Before her current position, she spent 4 years at Anna Reynolds and 2 years at Martin Kellogg as a tutor / assister.

Budget meetings are beginning. A lot of work is done by Dr. Perlini ahead of time and presented to the board.

Treasurer's Report – see attached.

Principal's Report –

There is a new handicapped spot for staff new hire.

Thanks to the Cultural Arts committee for finding programs that really fit our academic program. The effort is recognized and appreciated.

Mural / Tile Project – presented by Sonya Casarotto

Two ongoing projects –

A) Mural in hallway has a “key” that was recently printed. Coordinates names of artists with pictures created. This is previously paid for. The Key needs to be installed. We need approval for that. Sonya has asked Mr. Foresi what her next steps are to get that going.

B) Tile Border is planned for 1st and 3rd grade hallways. It was designed to be placed just beneath the “chair rail” border on the hallway. A 2” strip was planned for under the tile. This project had two purposes – the strip was recommended for hanging artwork of students without marring the walls or the wood strip that exists. The tile was recommended to add color and a little something “extra” so it wouldn't be just a tack strip.

Drawings were/are done by only students. No names are attached. There are a wide variety of subjects drawn and they are to be alternated so the variety will be noticed. The tiles are done over the period of 3 years.

Year one was completed, fired and is ready (in the teacher's lounge) and paid for (~\$3300).

Year two art work is ready for firing and NOT paid for yet (~\$3012).

This year would be year three and the estimate is ~\$3000 again.

The cork for the 2” strips must be put in professionally according to pol The The cork is ~\$2120. The labor is ~\$600.

Sonya will look into what we can do with 2 years worth of tiles, and what our options might be if we decided not to do the 3rd year's tiles. No vote was taken at this time.

Website Overview by Len Errera

Main page will be accessed from J Paterson's website. Home page will show Quick/hot links, Calendar (month at a glance), Notices, Reminders

Other places to go on the website will include:

About the PTO, Full Events Calendar, Meeting Notes, Fundraising Info, Parent Resource page with Website information, Photo Gallery (to include photos of cultural events or some such thing without including pictures of students (which is against policy), Volunteer Registration, Contact Us

We'll use the GoDaddy Site.

Len will make changes and be involved for the next 7 years. PTO should purchase a copy of the software and someone will need to be trained to take over at a later date.

\$8.95 demand registration

\$3.95/month for annual fee (will pay for summer months to stay active since only the month of July will not get use).

We'll have 5GB storage / 250 GB Bandwidth

No advertising on this site

500 email accts are available

We voted YES. Len will get the site started and work with treasurer for payment. Len's goal is to have a working prototype at next meeting. Mr. Foresi assures that we can use the Media Center connection to hook up to the internet.

Send ideas for any: quicklinks, parent resources, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Our Domain name will be JohnPatersonPTO

Other Business—

-Crop needs 38 people minimum to hold the Crop Til You Drop on Jan 20th.

So far we have 5. Decision will be made toward end of week.

-Our PTO Secretary has resigned for personal reasons. We will need a replacement. Janet Schneider is taking minutes this evening.

-Ice Cream Social will be held on Feb 28th – Alisa Houldcroft and Randi Thureson will be handling it.

-Book fair is scheduled for week of Mar 26th-30th

-JP School Family Picnic will be 1st Friday in June.

-Scrip is going really well. We did \$700 in 8 days. New flier will go out this week. We'll be selling on Thursdays after school and in the evening. We are on track with a 1 day turnaround time.

-Yankee Candle: 35-40 people were affected by the problems with delivery. – left a bad taste. They are refunding purchases and giving vouchers for a large candle in local stores. Some Strawberry arrived today. We will still get credit for all the #602 purchases even though those people are getting refunds.

-There are some Patricia Polacco books (5-6 in all) that were not sold. Vote taken to donate them to our Media Center.

-The Media Center is in dire need of volunteers to come and help recirculate books – one morning a week for an hour would be extremely helpful. If anyone is interested or knows someone who is interested, please contact Janet Schneider (Volunteer Coordinator) or Mrs. Elson (librarian).

- CULTURAL ARTS program will be held on Monday January 22nd. Leeny Del Seamonds (A storyteller seen on PBS).

No Other Business.
Meeting Adjourned.