

PTO MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3RD, 2007

ATTENDANCE

Randi Thureson, Sandi Girolamo, Cheryl Davis, Dawn Wolf, Chlo Gonsalves, Christine Veilleux, Len and Joanne Errera, Eileen Colonese, Marilyn Wilsey, Stephen Foresi, Stephen Bennett, Seth Greenberg, Lorida DiPaola, Janet Schneider, Kerry Mamaclay, Maureen Callahan, Pam Madrazo, Marina Wright, Deanna Trott, Lynn Rioux, Joy Depaolis, Heather Servidone

1. Motion to accept minutes from last month's meeting

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

We are in good shape for the budget

We received a cultural arts grant for over \$1000

The pasta dinner profit was about \$400

The updated amount for the tile art project is in the current treasurer's report although the figure may be slightly high

Our goal is to have a 0 balance at the end of the year except for our earmarked items-will have earmarked items for next month's meeting

3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT-Mr. Foresi

*He is excited to have the presentation of our website using technology to be up to date

*At last month's meeting, Dr. Perlini presented the proposed budget.

*He has received some requests to have a copy of it-he has copies of it that may be signed out and returned

The proposed budget has not been passed yet-there has been a slight reduction to be presented for approval

*The students and staff have been celebrating "abilities" with the focus on unique abilities and to show appreciation for abilities

*The Fidelco Guide Dog program is coming to school tomorrow for a presentation for several of the grades

*Kindergarten Orientation will be held the week after April vacation

If anyone knows of any incoming students please let the families know about the orientation

*School Goals-we are looking at our goals as a school and reviewing how to plan for next year

*Children and computers-it is very important to monitor what your children are doing on the computer and you should check all of the search engines before your children look at them

*He thanked everyone for all of the hard work and for everything that has been going on this year

*The Book Fair was a great success and thank you to all of the volunteers and he really enjoys reading to the students

4. NEF GRANTS-Marina Wright

Melissa Delaney received \$375 for take home packets

Cultural Arts-Mikata in the amount of \$1400

Rock Climbing Wall in the amount of \$1895

5. SPECIAL GUEST-Mr. Bennett

*He is requesting additional money for the rock climbing wall

*It is about a \$7000 project and he received \$1895 NEF grant and needs an additional \$4898

*this is an investment the entire school can benefit from

*It is an 8 foot rock wall that can be locked when not in use

*Someone questioned if additional insurance is needed for this and Mr. Foresi stated that it is not and would be covered under the blanket insurance for the school

*the PTO will further discuss this project and come to a decision by vote

6. FUNDRAISING-Eileen Colonese

*Our final fundraiser for the year is the cookie dough that will be held between April 11-25 and will be delivered May 24th

*There is an incentive for families-every family that sells 3 tubs of cookie dough will receive a free Entertainment Book

*It was decided that we will designate profits of this fundraiser to the fund for the rock wall and this will be stated on the letter to the parents that goes out with the fundraiser

*It was also discussed that future fundraisers should be designated to raise money for a specific thing to benefit our school

7. SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR-Dawn Wolf

*We have new polo style shirts in red or white with the school name and logo that are available for sale

*The prices are: \$15 for children's sizes and \$18 for adult sizes

8. WEBSITE-Len Errera

*The website is live now

*Len went over each specific category on the website

*He needs the schedule of upcoming events for the "month at a glance", fundraiser links and a list of where volunteers are needed

9. HOSPITALITY-Pam Madrazo

*Grandparents/Special Friends week is April 23-27

*Teacher Appreciation day is May 8th

*We continue to purchase the water for the water cooler in the teacher's lounge and Pam presented the idea of giving all of the teachers water bottles to go along with that theme

*she will get some prices for the water bottles

10. KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION-Dawn Wolf

*April 30-May 4 from 1-2:30pm

*Dawn is asking for volunteers to speak to parents of incoming students about getting involved in the PTO

11. GARDEN SHOW-Marina Wright

*The seed packets were donated and are all set to go out to the incoming kindergarteners

*Marina is looking for volunteers to help with the garden show which will be held sometime during the first few weeks of school

*discussion of why it is held the day of open house-may not be held same day in the fall-TBD

12. BOOKPLATE PROGRAM-Sandi Girolamo

*this program is approved and all ready to be promoted

*books may be purchased in honor of a child or a special event and a special nameplate goes in the book and it is put in our library

*Sandi passed around samples of different nameplates that can be purchased for different events and circumstances.

13. BOOK FAIR – Chlo Gonsalves

*She was very happy and proud to report that sales have continuously increased along with our profits. Here are the profits from the last three sales:

Fall 2005 : \$5,775

Fall 2006 : \$6,773

Spring 2007 : \$7,000+

*We earn points when people use credit cards as payment toward the teacher wish lists-this year we earned 280 points which was used to enhance the new 3rd grade teachers' classrooms

*We also gave 600 books to the library

Future Book Fair dates include: Fall 2007 – Sept 28 to Oct 5 and Spring 2008 – March 24 to March 31.

Heather Servidone coordinated the volunteers and thanked them all personally by name.

14. 2008 PTO Nominations

President – Dawn Wolf

Vice President – Randi Thureson

Secretary – Joanne Errera and Maureen Callahan

Treasurer – Eileen Colonese

Playscape – Marc Pratte

Cultural Arts – Lisa Abrams

Communications – None at this time

There was some discussion regarding combining the duties of the Secretary and Communications positions between the two nominees since Communications is open at this time

15. MISC-Dawn Wolf

The ByLaws Amendment committee should be getting together soon and have the updated bylaws completed.

Adjournment – Next meeting will be on May 1st, 2007.