

PTO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 14, 2009

- I. Called to order- 10:10am. Minutes approved as read. Annie Hausmann makes motion to approve. Pam Abramowitz seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

II. Executive Committee Reports

A. President's Report-Colleen Steele

There will be a new periodic meeting, approximately 5-6 times per year for the executive board to meet with the school administrations. Website looks great and looking into a few more links like adding local sports.

B. Treasurer's Report-Alicia Johnson

No report

C. Corresponding Secretary-Sally Seidenfrau

Thank you cards to four families and Norwood storage for sponsoring the website. Thank you cards from Mrs. Alberti and Mrs. Brucnk's first grade classes for the new rugs.

D. School Principal

Great back to school nights and Korean thanksgiving programs. In school there continues to be bullying and Mrs. Johnson told about the CAP program that will run the program, "no more bullies, no more victims, " in the third grade the week of October 19. Fire department did the grades K-2 assemblies for fire prevention week. Met with the police to talk about school security, including lockdown plan and drill. January 20 is the date of the CUSAC state monitoring. Pam Abramowitz is on the board to meet with the state. Dr. Feifer has found some budget issues, such as an increase in special education and 25% increase in health insurance for staff. Game room is now established in the rooms adjacent to the gym for grades 3-8. Annie Hausmann inquires about the going outside to play weather policy and Mrs. Johnson tells her that its based on the freezing marker. Fran Drucker inquires about starting a volunteer program for having extra adults at lunch and recess, and the adult:student ratio was explained.

III. Committee Reports

A. After school clubs-Karen Simon-no report

B. Art cards-Samantha Fruhling

There was some confusion with the teachers being responsible for each classes own art cards, so Mrs. Johnson sent an email to clarify the procedure with all the teachers. Deadline for ordering will be 10/30 to ensure delivery before holidays. Order forms will be put on the website.

C. Author Day-Samantha Fruhling

Steven Kellogg has been lined up for grades K-2 for the cost of \$2200 & travel expenses from Vermont. Date will be in June. The free authors through Books & Greetings was too difficult to arrange and there turned out to be hidden expensive costs.

D. Eyes On Art-Samantha Fruhling

Mrs. Johnson has approved adding the program for the 6th grade. Gina Hennessy will do all the scheduling. Mrs. Puliatte wants to organize a Saturday museum trip for grades 6, 7, and 8.

E. KPSC-Kathy Moon

Huge turnout for the first meeting and we all want to encourage those mothers to come to monthly PTO meetings. Working on the holiday boutique. Collleen will attend all the KPSC meetings.

F. Spirit Wear-Samantha Fruhling

Sales are slow. The forms are due this Friday and possibly will extend the deadline until next week.

G. 8th grade committee-Pam Abramowitz

Continuing to raise money for the DC trip. People seem to be happy with all the new food vendors and food choices for lunches. Wrapping paper sales are slow. Selling restaurant discount cards. All parents must participate by volunteering or they have to pay for the cost of the trip. Will soon be selling ads for the yearbook.

H. Grandparents Day-Lizz Giampaglia

Email is going home this week about grandparents day. It is November 25th, the day before thanksgiving and all students participate.

I. Walkathon-Fran Drucker

Pep rally was 10/8. Walkathon is 10/23 with a 10/27 raindate. This year will continue to use Walkathon services this year and once Fran gets a better handle on the fundraiser she can start thinking about a plan to do it next year on our own. Need volunteers for the older grades walk, have a good amount of volunteers for lower grades.

IV. New business

A. School requests

The school needs new soccer uniforms at the cost of \$363. Annie Hausmann makes a motion to buy the uniforms. Sally Seidenfrau seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

B. Need committee chairs for the following:

After school clubs

Hospitality

Health & safety

Movie Night

Student banking

We care

Meeting Adjourned: 10:58

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 2009