

PTO Meeting Notes – 01/11/10

In attendance: Tangular Irby, Kimberly Wood, Jenifer Phelps, Deb Goldberg, Judy Stickels, Genevieve Lattimer, Charlene Lambert, Jacqueline Simpson, Melissa Herman, Nancy Dagenhart, Michelle Curtis, Carol Reid, Cristina Santos, Greg Hutchinson, Melissa Broadnax, Valerie Moses

Introductions

Minutes from December meeting approved

Principal Update (Tangular Irby)

- **Howard Jubrey** came in and spent a morning here. He heard about some of the things we've been hoping to do. He had one suggestion. Get out all the wonderful things going on in the building. So far he has visited 3 schools in district. He was very impressed.
- **Regarding improvement** ... may find superintendent and other principals (vice principals) visiting the school periodically to listen and give feedback.

Vice Principal (Kim Woods)

- **Upcoming Student of the Month.** Jan 25th. Honoring Dr. MLK birthday - essay going out with his speech. Sending out invite to students for essays. Inviting a few to read at SOM assembly. Essays should be returned by next Wed.
- **School Store.** Up and running again. Ms. Fanny, Ms. Lopez and Ms. Roebelen assisting. Will be open now on Fridays until Ms. Peggy returns. (Charlene is willing to help out.)

President's Report (Deb Goldberg)

- **Finalized speakers** for remainder of year. Internet Safety Night is quite a big program. Proposing Jan 25th as an evening for this specific event. Parents should go home and encourage others to come. (Deb will schedule) Sage Park has already had this program. Parents found it extremely beneficial and eye-opening.
- **February** – Capt Keare will come and speak about bullying. (appx 45 mins)
- **Mar** – Ms. Bress coming to speak about Science program
- **Apr** – Dr. Feser coming to speak about the budget // Panel discussion with 5th grade parents at Sage Park
- **May** – Summer reading program
- Question: How can we publicize to get people excited? Use Parent Reach? TI – try to use just for an emergency.
- **Timing of PTO Meetings:** How do we schedule PTO meeting to accommodate speakers. Possibly have PTO business first ... start 15 minutes early. Have committee updates submitted and printed before the meeting.
- **PTO/PTA Monthly meeting.** Spoke about budget. More to come after officially proposed to the BOA. What are major issues? Is money available based on today's population - adequate or reduced going forward.
- **Dates on public form.** Dr. Feser will present Wed 1/20 to the BOA and the public. Starts at 6:30p at Town Council Chambers. After she presents budget, there is the opportunity for public comments. The first of 3 public forums. 3 min limit to give comments. Afterwards, receive budget formally on the 20th. 2 more public forums. Tues night 2/2 at 6:30 and Sat 2/6 at 10am – additional sessions for public comment. 2/2 and

2/6 are at L.P. Wilson in BOA room. Feb process – accept budget. Goes to town in Apr. Referendum happens sometime in May.

Treasurer's Update (Deb Goldberg acting)

- Still looking for a Treasurer. Please let Deb know if you know a good candidate.
- **Box tops** \$478 check
- **Fall Book Fair** money paid back
- Have not received a Dec statement. Balance \$4,779.65

Ways & Means - (Sandi Gudrian not present)

- **Friendly's** – Deb spoke with Peggy.
- **Barnes & Noble** – doesn't seem to be doing the program anymore
- **Chuck-E-Cheese** – Book night just for your organization. 15% of sales for evening.
(Judy – call to check on dates)
- **Game Night** – towards end of March. (Deb will call Sandi)
- **Villari's** – Tu/Th starting 2/23 through 3/11. Graduation 3/12. 4:30-5:00. \$20/student. Windsor studio.

Box Tops - (Nancy Farooque)

- **Next Mail-in** is end of February and money won't come in until next year's budget.

School Store – (Peggy Noponen)

- Peggy is going to be out through end of Jan. School store running on Fridays until her return.

Publicity - (Judy Stickels)

- No newsletter published in December due to lack of content. Hoping to publish in January. (Judy submit reminder and dates for rest of year)

Read-A-Mania - (Genevieve Lattimer)

- No update.
- Last meeting spoke about different options so prizes wouldn't hit the budget. There's definitely an increase in participation when teachers provide incentive. In Dec. Mrs. Johnston offered a free homework pass if they turned in their sheets for the month. Increased participation by 63%. Ms. Petsko gives the kids lunch bunch.

Library – (Deb Goldberg acting)

- No new updates.

Classroom Volunteers – Check on update at next PTO meeting. (Teacher's haven't had staff meeting yet)

Membership – (Anjanée Wright)

- **Judy will contact Anje.** Need form.

Hospitality – (Tanya Fleeting)

- **Deb will contact Tanya** to coordinate snacks for upcoming meetings.

Music Liason – (Deb Sales)

- No update

5th Grade Rep – (Open)

- No update

Cultural – (Charlene Lambert acting)

- No update

Family Resource Center (Jennifer Phelps)

- **A&E Corporation clothing drive.** Has info. Fund raiser. Set up drop off date where you put something out to parents to donate clothes, toys, etc. They weigh and depending on pounds, the money goes back to the school. Clover is doing a movie night/clothing drive on a Friday, April 10th. If we are interested we can call and get the same day.
- **Insurance company** contacted for Child ID program.
- **Principals' breakfast** for each grade level. Starts this month with 1st graders. Will be held in Family Resource Center. 5th grade will make it a celebration since it's their last year.

Miscellaneous Discussion Topics

- **Junior Achievement.** Coordinator is Darchelle Hutchins. Companies provide volunteers. Parents can also volunteer. Curriculum already designed for each grade level. We can contact Darchelle to let her know we have additional parent volunteers.
- **5th Grade outing.** Melissa volunteered to chair. We now must reserve the pool at Welch. Anita Jubrey pulled group together last year. **Deb will connect Melissa and Anita. Plan date with Ms. Irby.**

New Business

- Need nominating committee. Need to speak with people in existing roles to see if they want to continue.

Next Meeting: February 8th – 6:30pm
