

Attendance: Tom Juring, Cheryl Seeley, Randi Sarkin, Diane Condie, Sukanya Srinivasan, Cora Wallace, Lisa Chotiner, Leigh Winston, Leigh Winston, Catherine Cosentino, Kymberlee Frischman, Nora Simpson, Paul Foster, Constance O'Connor, Ellen Rubin, Sarah Goodkind, Amy Scott, Charlie Kaela Filipek, Mary Coke, Chris Pistorius, Sherri Mayer, Holly Levinson, Tony Woods, Shannon Ewing, Maren Cooke.

1. Expenditure for technology (Jenny Ganger)
 - a. Party for Play fundraiser last year was targeted to "technology" but had not been spent. Jenny Ganger has convened an ad-hoc committee to evaluate and determine a target for that money.
 - b. Committee Recommendations:
 - i. Purchase 15 laptops to be used with existing laptop cart.
 - ii. Purchase should be made ASAP, preferably before the end of 2009
 - iii. Computers should be approved of by the district, and should be maintained by the district. The district has pre-set prices which support their approved software packages and support.
 - iv. Beyond this purchase, the Committee is surveying classrooms to determine the current distribution and operationality of current computer resources.
 - v. Teachers are also being surveyed as to what they would like to do and what kind of equipment they would use.
 - vi. Coordination with district to address other computer needs.
 - vii. Benchmarks for each grade level (are there any?)
 - c. MOTION
(see attached)
 - i. Discussion:
 1. How are the kids going to learn how to use these computers? Is there a computing curriculum? District has cut the keyboarding curriculum, as a budgeting issue; curriculum issues are not within the purview of the PTO, but recommend contacting the district for curricular details.
 2. Can we do this? Yes, we have the funds, but we are required to give the money to the school board to make the purchase. This is very concerning to the Technology Committee, especially following some trouble with the playground retaining wall last year. Details of a written agreement between the board and the PTO will be worked out before any money changes hands.

MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENT AFTER DISCUSSION.

2. PTO 2007-08 Audit (update)
 - a. Audit was requested from the state internal revenue department last year. A letter was sent a year ago but never received by the PTO; this has resulted in us being behind in this audit process. Tom Juring is working on this, and he would be happy to discuss this situation if anyone has any questions.

3. Fundraising:
 - a. Income:
 - i. Bookmark sales
 - ii. Cartridge Recycling
 - iii. Ice cream sales going well
 - iv. KidsStuff Books
 - v. Newsletter advertisements
 - b. Expenses:
 - i. PTO meeting supplies
 - c. Last meeting, we agreed to put a soft freeze on any new expenditures
 - i. There is still money in the bank, but we need to step up fundraising in order to pay for any spring activities, field trips, etc.
 - d. Read-a-thon: **Pledge sheets are due on FRIDAY.** Hopefully this will bring in enough to put us more in the black for the Spring.
4. Party for Play: Theme is "Enrichment"
 - a. Save the date: **February 20, 2010; at Pittsburgh Golf Club.**
 - b. Music: Zydeco Dogs
 - c. Pledge board for each grade levels
 - d. Themed baskets
5. Fundraisers:
 - a. Bookmarks - \$1
 - b. Frick Environmental Program Greeting cards - \$10/7cards
 - c. Cookbooks - \$5
 - d. Friday Ice cream sales –
 - i. net approx \$200 per week
 - ii. in need of more volunteers
 - iii. staffing will be rotating by organization in 2-week intervals; the organization will get the profits from those 2 weeks of sales
 - e. Boxtops – contest ends Monday.
6. Special Guest presentation
 - a. Mr. Long unable to attend
7. Staff Appreciation
 - a. Donations for Staff Appreciation have been generous
 - b. Staff breakfast tomorrow morning, 7am, Staff Lounge, lower level.
8. New Business
 - a. Morning Drop-off
 - i. Mornings are concerning and chaotic. It would be great if parents could volunteer from 7:45 – 8:15am to help out.
 - ii. Also suggested that the two adults at the front door might serve better in the rear of the school, since there are usually a lot of parents out front, but clearly there is a lack of adults in the back. Mrs. Wallace will look into this.
 - iii. Suggestion to have BUS COMPANY PHONE NUMBER in the Directory yearly.

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7:00pm, Cafeteria

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- b. Surveys on Bullying
 - i. Child surveys (3rd-8th graders) have gone out, and are being collected now.
Results are pending.
 - ii. A parent survey is also in the works.
 - iii. Results of both surveys will be used to direct next steps in anti-bullying.
- 9. Lost and Found re-organization
 - a. Lisa re-organized and moved lost and found to shelves across from office.

Next EB Meeting 1/19/10, 6:00, Cafeteria

Next PTO General Meeting 1/19/10, 7:00pm, Cafeteria

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm