

PTO Meeting
January 29, 2009

MINUTES

BOARD REPORTS

President's Report

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Four PTO Board members, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Smead, and 2 parents were in attendance.

President Sharon Dufour spoke about the upcoming programs sponsored by the PTO:

- February 6-Birds of Prey program for the 2 grade
- February 13 Prismatic Magic-a school-wide program on the Science of Lasers, including a laser light show paying tribute to our African American Heritage as part of Black History Month
- February 23-Six Flags Spring Into Reading logs are due!
- March 12-Author, Gregory Edgar presents Patriots and Redcoats Program to our 4th through 6th grades.

Mrs. Myers made a motion which was seconded by Greta Putnam to carryover all unused program money from 2008-2009 in anticipation of the Amidon's, a musical group, performance on October 20, 2009. Save the date! All in attendance unanimously approved this motion.

To date grant applications for programs are pending with the Wilbraham Cultural Council and the Wilbraham Community Association. Due to budget constraints this money might not be approved.

With two authors visits this spring and the Six Flags reading program, Mrs. Myers will discuss with the teachers to see if they would like a Spring Into Reading Program like last year where guests are invited to come and read to classrooms.

Vice-Presidents' Report

Co-Vice-President Lori Callahan reported:

- The Physical Education classes will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Association event. Two parent volunteers will be needed in the AM and the PM.
- Cheri Mills has volunteered to chair the Spring Raffle Baskets.

- The Physical Education classes are in need of a boom box with speakers. The PTO agreed that funds were available to purchase a boom box for the Physical Education Classes for under \$200.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nancy Douglass supplied copies of financial statements from July 1, 2008-January 29, 2009.

Secretaries' Report

Co-Secretary Chris Sterling reported that Memorial School will be placing orders with School Kidz again this year. Liane Kendall will be sending out information on them in late February/early March. Orders will be sent out in early April.

Ten thank you notes received from the staff were passed around for viewing.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Myers reports:

- On February 4 the 5th and 6th grade Choral Concert will be held at Memorial School.
- Mrs. DeMarey and the 6th grade students won 10,000 points from Big Y for entering the Big Y commercial contest. Congratulations on a great effort!
- Spirit Week will be the week of February 9-13. Some events include a Black History Month assembly, Class Olympics, and the Prismatic Laser Light Show.
- March 13 is the 5th and 6th grade social from 6:30-8pm at the school. There will be pizza and music.
- April 3-author Lynn Cherry will be presenting an assembly for the 2nd and 3rd graders and an assembly for the 4-6 graders. Activities will be planned in anticipation of these assemblies.
- Inspire Works will have another 8-week session in the future.
- The Memorial School website has been updated. Take a look!
- Exxon Mobil provided \$125 to the library for books.
- Mrs. Myers recommends the book The Negotiation Generation by Lynn Reeves Griffin. It will be available in the office.

OTHER

Go Green Day is March 17th. Last year Food Services celebrated this day by providing green fruits and vegetables for our student's enjoyment. This year the YMCA will match any PTO funding towards a similar program up to \$100. Mrs. Myers motioned that we offer this program again this year and the PTO sponsor the program for \$100. Chris Sterling seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chris Sterling suggested we look into a grant to have Lori Mader of Cedar Swamp Pottery come to our school next year. Mrs. Myers will look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next open PTO meeting will be on May 7 at 6:30pm. Election of 2009-2010 PTO officers will take place at this meeting. Please come show your support!