

General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 by Jennifer Mann.

Secretary's Report: Review minutes from last months meeting. Motion to approve by Cathy Costantino, seconded by Mrs. Onorato and was approved by majority vote.

Program Committee Report: Amy Stein reported there are a lot of committees and lots of new chairs. Since binders of the events/programs can get lost, Amy suggested that all the event/program to do's will also be on line. This will be a good way to hand down the event to the next person with a list of to do's.

Deb Mangray reported on the book fair and urged all parents to attend. A new program being introduced this year, spare change/rounding up your purchase and we get to keep the money.

Schoolatic will match the donations, which means more books. She suggested we donate a book in honor of Priscilla Stamps who ran the book fair for 4 years.

Halloween party is well under way and will take place Friday, October 28th at Tollgate High School. Audrey asked for volunteers to help with games.

Rescue recess needs more people to sign up and to take over the schedule. Ask kids what else there is to do besides run and scream.

Yearbook also needs people to take pictures. If you are in charge of a committee, assign someone to take pictures or if you are a room parent, take pictures or assign someone to take them.

Talk to Claudine to find out how much is available. Ask someone in the highlighter if they have a camera to donate.

It was also mentioned by Class Socials needs a chair.

CHAMPS / Fundraising Report: Jen Sheehan reported on CHAMPS. Still low, but still accepting forms and will be sent out on Friday. There are 87 families have bought cookie dough so far. It was suggested that to get people to think to join CHAMPS, put a line item on all things that go home to have a check sent in.

Membership Report: Dina McCamish reported that there are 96 members as of today. You can still join and that will make you eligible to vote.

Communications Report: Deirdre Weedon said the biggest thing is the web-site. The directory is going to be done. If photography issue if you don't want your kid to be photographed, please fill out the form. Room rep lists went out last week and the names/addresses should have gone out.

VOWS Report: Lynn Cuddy reported that they are still looking for copiers to go to ed-tech to make copies for the teachers. Cedar Hill time is Thurs morning from 9 – 10 twice a month. They are still looking for heads up volunteers. The Chopstick auction is November 5th at 12 noon at the Buttonwoods Community Center. \$20 worth of chopsticks

Treasurer's Report: Claudine Davenport sent the P&L statement. No questions.

Principal's Report: Mr. Peltier reported that NECAP reading testing is done and that math started today for Grades 3 – 6 and next week 5th grade will do the writing. 2013 NECAP will be gone and the new test will be the PARCC test that coincides with the Common Core. Parents have mentioned field trips and he reported that the cost is now \$35.00 per hour for the bus. Sodexo lunches were a big concern on large lunch days: pizza day, taco day and chicken nugget day. Someone will be visiting to see how to make it run smoother. This year has been very busy with a new reading program (Harcourt Journey series) and the new Math program that is from the Dana Center out of Texas as well as the new teacher evaluation and assessments. There has been lots of professional development going on for the teachers. It was also mentioned that we would like to have a guest speaker or specific topic at each meeting. Please let Jen, Cheryl or Joe know if there area any areas that you want more information on.

PCAC meeting: 1st Thursday of the month meetings at the school committee bldg.

Old Business: Cheryl Maynard mentioned the needs assessment plans. Three needs have been brought to the table. Need to pick one and make some decisions on how to spend the money. Facility, technology, safety in the parking lot. The top concern seemed to be technology. Now we will need a plan to go forward. Talk to teachers, parents and find out what they need. Most teachers want an ELMO.

New Business: Angela & Kristy presented the web-site to the members.

Motioned to adjourn at 8:20 by Mr. Peltier, and seconded by Cathy Costantino.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Langevin, Secretary

