

Minutes of Southeast PTO

March 1, 2004

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Call to Order: 7:12 pm

In Attendance: Jean Phillips, Stacey Fulton, Dawn Rawlinson, Norma Fisher Doiron, Margie Ouimette, Monique Brown, Kim O'Keefe, Sue Charron, Linda Sydie, Edmond Chibeau, Margaret Morrison, Ron Baker, Natalie Miniutti, Katherine Cox, Irene Sheehan

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report was discussed and accepted with one change. Money used to pay for the recess games should be taken from **Misc. Funds**.

New Business:

In April, the PAC meeting will focus on the Playscape. Dr. Gordon Schimmel (Superintendent) and Curt Vincente (Director of Parks & Rec) will come to this meeting to help us plan our next step. If there are any specific questions that parents would like answered, please contact Sue Charron before this meeting. The meeting will be Monday, **April 5th, 6-7:30pm**. **The PTO meeting for April will begin at 7:30pm**. Sue Charron will be the liaison to Mrs. Fisher Doiron to let her know the types of concerns/questions parents have for Dr. Schimmel.

There will be a Spell-a-thon in May/June and the Southeast teachers have agreed to assist with this effort. Pledge packets will go home on May 17th. The last day of school there will be a Spell Party (ice cream sundaes).

Natalie Miniutti is interested in coordinating a Sock Hop on May 21st. Anyone interested in helping her with this should contact Natalie or Kate Cox.

The Amidons will not be able to visit Southeast this year, so there will be some extra cash in the Type I Speakers budget. Jean Phillips has asked Sue Irvine to let her know if the Enrichment Team would like to use that money for another speaker/performer.

There was a meeting to discuss the Silent Auction for next year. Jean Phillips will be coordinating the auction at the carnival next year and plans to begin early in the summer.

The Board of Education has passed the School Budget and it will now go to the Town Council.

A local group who are looking for scholarship money to Holiday Hill Camp this summer has approached Jean Phillips. After looking at our budget, we will not have the funds to contribute to this scholarship this year.

It is time to begin thinking about Board Members for next year. Jean Phillips and Margie Ouimette will both be resigning from the Board at the end of this year. Dawn Rawlinson and Stacey Fulton will remain as Treasurer and Vice President. There will be vacancies for President and Secretary.

Kim O'Keefe is still looking for volunteers for Grandparent's Day (May 7th).

Jamie Hendricks will let the PTO know who will be coordinating the Movin' On Ceremony.

Old Business:

Joan Pinney has written a letter to Dr. Schimmel outlining the parent concerns about elections being held at Southeast School. The letter was read aloud and Mrs. Fisher Doiron will let Joan know that the PTO is supportive of her forwarding this letter to Dr. Schimmel.

After much discussion, it was decided that Southeast would purchase passes to the Peabody Museum. These passes will be at the Mansfield Library for all families to use. Thank you to Natalie Miniutti for gathering all the information.

Motion #1: The PTO will purchase 4 passes to the Peabody Museum for \$150 to be kept at the Mansfield Library for the community to use. Unanimously passed.

Margie Ouimette discussed the idea of Room Parents as a liaison for the PTO to each classroom. She will coordinate Room Parents at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from February 2, 2004 were accepted.

Principal's Report: Norma Fisher-Doiron

The Calendar of Events for March/April was passed around and discussed.

The March 1st PAC meeting was extremely well attended and Mrs. Fisher Doiron will be sure to invite Judy Shay back next year.

Each second grade class has received a new student, so the class sizes have increased to 21 and 22. Mrs. Fisher Doiron has shifted IA schedules so there is adequate help in these classrooms. She cannot yet determine whether there will be 3 3rd grade classrooms next year. At this point, there will be 3 2nd grade classes.

Tomorrow is Election Day and Dr. Seuss day.

Rose Fowler, a retired employee from the Central Office, has mentioned that the Windham Rotary Club gives out grant money and we might want to pursue this for our Playscape. Mrs. Fisher Doiron will ask Ms. Fowler to get us more information.

Teacher's Report: Monique Brown

The teachers want to thank Kim O'Keefe and "Bucky" for their presentation on Dental Hygiene.

The teachers would be in favor of possibly using Title I money towards the Playscape (one school year) but think it is something that should be discussed with parents.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm

Submitted by: Margie Ouimette, Secretary

Our Next Meeting will be Monday, April 5, 2004.