

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
September 13, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Joan Pinney, Kim O'Keefe, Monique Brown, Irene Sheehan, Natalie Minuitti, Amy Chibeau, Maria LaBoy, Ndack Sow Ndao

INTRODUCTIONS: Kim O'Keefe commented on how wonderful it was to see some new faces at the PTO meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: REVIEW MINUTES

Motion for acceptance: Kim O'Keefe

Motion seconded by: Natalie Minuitti

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tabled until next meeting because Dawn Rawlinson was not at the meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Calendar of Events passed out for review
- CMT Testing will occur from approximately 9:15 – 11:00
- Enrichment Clusters: We are still looking for volunteers to host a cluster. See Sue Irvine for more information on how to help out.
- Class Size update: PreK AM = 8 , PM = 10
K AM = 18, PM = 17
1 15, 15, 16
2 18, 18, 18
3 14, 14, 15
4 24, 25

TOTAL ENROLLMENT = 244 students

- New staff = Julie Treadow Grade 2, Lisa Ward Special Education Instructional Asst., Joy Emerson Instructional Assistant grade 4
- THANK YOU to all who volunteered to help put the playscape together. It was a wonderful example of "Teamwork" More money will need to be raised to fund phase two of the project, but it looks like the town will again match any money raised for this. A parent suggestion was to offer a cluster on playground games to help students while the playscape was not available.

TEACHER'S REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: PLAYSCAPE: Raised a total of \$17,000 that was matched by the town to purchase phase I of a 2-phased playscape. It will be handicap accessible. Fundraising will continue this year to earn money for phase II. PTO and playscape fundraising will remain separate. It was suggested to approach The Savings Institute and People's bank for sponsorship now that a definite plan has been set.

NEW BUSINESS: FUNDRAISING: Barbara Vaughn is running the current wrapping paper fundraiser. Wendy Hamlin is running the Fall Carnival, with Jean Phillips organizing the Silent Auction. Irene Sheehan requested money to purchase baskets for the classroom baskets being assembled by individual classrooms. There are many other opportunities to volunteer to help the PTO. The listing is attached to the minutes.

VOTING: Ms. Chibeau wanted it noted that she was disappointed in the actions being taken to prevent voting from occurring at Southeast school. She felt it would be a missed opportunity for exposing our students to the voting process. It was noted that the concerns had to do primarily with the safety of the children, especially in the parking lot. Voting currently is still at Southeast School, but Dr. Schimmel is looking into options for future years. It was mentioned that it would be a good idea to promote parents to take their children with them when they vote.

BOXTOPS: There was a clarification made that Dawn Rawlinson is continuing to collect boxtops from the classrooms. They can be found on various products, and should be cut out and sent to school so Southeast can receive money for them. It was also noted that families that shop at Big Y should look into signing up to have their "Express Points" donated to Southeast School.

FALL ICE CREAM SOCIAL: It was mentioned that there hadn't been a decision on whether to add another ice cream social to the Fall schedule to give new parents a chance to get to know each other. Norma Fisher- Doiron suggested combining it with the International Supper.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:05 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 09/20/04
NEXT MEETING: 10/04/04

SOUTHEAST SCHOOL FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE

- SEPTEMBER: WRAPPING PAPER, GIFT CARDS
(Contacts: Barbara Vaughn, Stacey Fulton)
- OCTOBER: FALL CARNIVAL, COOKIE DOUGH
(Contacts: Wendy Hamlin, Joan Pinney)
- NOVEMBER: T-SHIRTS, ELECTION BAKE SALE, BOOK FAIR
(Contacts: Jean Phillips, Lynda Sydie)
- DECEMBER:
- JANUARY: VALENTINE TREATS
(Contacts: Sue Charron)
- FEBRUARY:
- MARCH:
- APRIL: FLOWER BULBS
(Contacts: Irene Sheehan)
- MAY: BOOK FAIR
(Contacts: Julianna Barrett)
- JUNE: TAG SALE
(Contacts: Kim O'Keefe)