

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
February 7, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Joan Pinney, Kim O'Keefe, Dawn Rawlinson, Monique Brown, Stacey Fulton, Natalie Minuitti, Margaret Morrison, Lynda Sydie, Lesley Sweeney, Wendy Guyette, Ndack Son, Kimberly Clark, Tricia Baker, Elaine Temel, Kimberly Ewalt, C. Vincente

SECRETARY'S REPORT: REVIEW MINUTES

Motion for acceptance: Joan Pinney
Motion seconded by: Linda Sydie

TREASURER'S REPORT: Review December & January reports

Motion for acceptance of December Report: Lynda Sydie
Motion seconded: Joan Pinney
Motion for acceptance of January Report: Natalie Minuitti
Motion seconded: Stacey Fulton

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Calendar of Events passed out for review. Norma Fisher-Dorion highlighted some upcoming events: The Board of Education will be meeting on the 10th. The Board will be deciding on whether or not to formally recommend offering an all day Kindergarten program next year. The Science Fair/Invention convention will be the Wednesday we get back from February break. Progress Reports go home on the 11th of March. Das Puppenspiel will return on the 21st of March to do another show. A guest author/poet is coming on the 23rd. No school on March 25th and 28th. Further information can be obtained by visiting the Southeast web page.

Norma mentioned that 34 people attended the PAC meeting on all day K and the discussion with Gordon Schimmel and Fred Baruzzi went well. It is highly advised that those interested in the vote on offering all day Kindergarten next year attend the town meeting on May 10th (the second Tuesday of May)

Staffing will be the same next year unless all day K is offered and then we will be adding one position to cover the 2nd Kindergarten program.

Next Year there will be:

- 2 - 4th grade classes
- 3 - 3rd grade classes
- 3 - 2nd grade classes
- 3 - 1st grade classes
- 1-2 K classes, pending decisions

A new format for electing the Teacher of the Year has been developed. The outline of the process was passed out for review.

CMT scores will be out in a couple of weeks. We hope to have the next March PAC meeting to address CMT issues.

TEACHER'S REPORT: Thank you to Kim O'Keefe for offering once again to visit the classrooms to discuss dental health!

OLD BUSINESS:

Fundraising: Stacey Fulton reported that they are looking to have an end of the year fundraiser for the playscape. We are still waiting to hear on the Nicolodean grant we applied for. The others have been turned down. The Game Night format was reviewed by Natalie Minuitti. It will run for 2 hours and there will be fundraisers, games and a raffle. This is a fun, not for money "family night". It is scheduled tentatively for March 4th. Jean Phillips will run the Humanites t-shirt fundraiser. The proceeds from the Munson's fundraiser will be donated to the Tsunami victims. The proceeds from the bulbs fundraiser will go to the general fund. It was suggested that the Sock Hop be held earlier, as there was a conflict with baseball last time. More volunteers to run the event are needed. The Tag Sale in May will be run again by Kim O'Keefe, with proceeds going to the playscape.

Joan Pinney suggested that school T-shirts be purchased and sold at the different PTO sponsored events. They would be \$6/\$7 per T-shirt. Joan motioned to purchase \$250 in shirts and this was seconded by C. Vincente.

Joan Pinney drafted a letter to Gordon Schimmel, Superintendent of Schools, about the status on playscape fundraising. Norma suggested we talk with Gordon before approaching the board for any additional support.

Stacey Fulton reported that Liberty Bank is interested in purchasing a piece of playground equipment for us!!

Kim O'Keefe mentioned that letters have been printed to bring to businesses to help solicit more money for the playscape fund. See Kim for a list of suggested businesses to solicit. Jane Hazzard, the school secretary, will have copies of letters as well.

Kim O'Keefe reported that our Big Y points are collecting and we have already bought some playground equipment, etc. **SIGN UP AT BIG Y IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY DONATING YOUR POINTS!!**

Photo graphs and ribbons will occur again on Special Person's Day. Teachers will be asked for their input on how much classroom involvement there should be in the event this time around. It will be held the first friday of May (6th)

Donuts for Dad is rescheduled to this Friday

NEW BUSINESS:

Natalie Minuitti mentioned that the Peabody Museum pass purchased last year by us is up for renewal March 31st. The library said the pass went out 25 times which is a lot. It is \$150 for one family pass which covers 4 people. There is a brochure at the town library explaining the museum's offerings.

Stacey Fulton & Natalie Minuitti will not here next year and need to have their PTO responsibilities taken over. They will list the events they are responsible for. Stacey Fulton said we need a place to put all the masters of forms, receipts etc. Lynda Sydie said she will share a form she developed to document information that will help someone new run a previously run event.

Linda Sydie requested that we obtain the emails of parents by grade for better communication. Monique Brown will see Steve Sokoloski to see if there are any concerns about setting up a PTO distribution list.

The PTO received thank you notes from Laura Knowlton and Margie Ouimette .

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:28 PM
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 2/17/05
NEXT MEETING: March 7, 2005