

PTO Meeting 9/11/2006

7:10pm meeting called to order by Ed Chibeau

1. "**Thank you**" *presented by Ron Baker:*

The Bidwell Alkeylani Family

for \$4,000 last June to bring the Playscape Fund up to Goal

Karen Sommer

for a tremendous amount of work organizing the glow-stick concession at this weekend's town fireworks, with the help of **Christiane Burkhard , Lesley Sweeney, Sean Cox, Julie Brown, Amy Chibeau, & Jade Blanchard**

Julie Brown

for coordinating the Teacher Appreciation buffet after school ended last June, with the help of

Nanette Bidwell, Christiane Burkhard; Kim Ewalt , Amy Chibeau, Margaret Morrison, Lesley Sweeney & Pauline Hayes

Irene Sheehan

for her work over the Summer on re-vamping the Fall Carnival classroom contributions

Kimberly Clark & Margaret Morrison

*For all their work over the summer coordinating and soliciting donations for the Silent Auction, with the assistance of **Linda Blum, Edmond Chibeau, Juliana Barret, Jean Phillips, Julie Brown, Karen Mitlitsky, Bub Zuraw, Christiane Burkhard, Irene Sheehan, The Cox Family, Kimberly Christenson, Kim O'Keefe, Norma Fisher-Doiron, and Louanne Cooley***

Karen Mitlitsky , with Kim Ewalt

For all their work this summer planning out the Fall Carnival.

2. **Introductions:** In attendance; Edmond Chibeau, Amy Chibeau (co-presidents), Ron Baker (vice-president), Lesley Sweeney (Treasurer), Norma Fisher-Doiron (school principal), Susan Irvine (presenter, school enrichment), Wendy Guyette, Karen Sommer, Julie Brown, Andrea Newton, Yara M. Braulo, Sandra Dunnigan, Ruth Washington, Margaret Washington, Kimberly Clark, Leah Grover: see attached for phone, e-mail.
3. **Enrichment at Southeast** - *presented by Sue Irvine.* The Enrichment Team is organizing a series of enrichment clusters that will meet for five afternoon sessions this fall from 2:20-3:20. The clusters will be held October 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, and November 3rd. Volunteers are needed to head up clusters. See attached for more information. Possibility of after school science program, once a week for 10 weeks, 2nd thru 4th grade. Cost to be determined, scholarships may be provided by PTO based on

need. Kimberly Clark has volunteered to work with Norma Fisher-Doiron to pursue.

4. **Principal's Report**- *presented by Norma Fisher-Doiron*. Student numbers this year are Pre) am-9, pm-11 =20, K) 13, 16, 17 = 46, 1st) 14, 16, 16 =46, 2nd) 21,22, =43, 3rd) 18,18,18, =54, 4th) 18,18,19, =55, Total 264 students. New teachers hired: Holly Harakaly for pre-school, and Jill Devor for Kindergarten. The 3rd and final phase of the play-scape is complete. Request for funds in the amount of \$100 for petty cash for the main office.

Motion: Yara Braulo, 2nd: Ron Baker; Motion carries unanimously.

Question & Answer

Q: Why are the students sometimes eating lunch in the classrooms?

A: Due to the size of the cafeteria/gym each class will eat lunch in their classroom every 6th week.

Q: Could a 3rd lunch wave be added to alleviate this problem, and add more time for eating?

A: while adding a 3rd lunch wave could be considered, there would be additional staffing requirements in doing so. The state mandates the amount of time allocated for lunch.

If anyone has any suggestions for "Parent's Hour" please contact the principal's office or the PTO.

5. **Upcoming Board of Ed meeting agenda**- Thursday, 9/14. The new wellness policy has been presented to the board of education re: food and nutrition, and the possible exception for PTO functions outside of school. (At the board of ed. Meeting, they decided to allow baked goods etc. at PTO functions outside of school) Staff to be introduced, CT mastery tests to be discussed.
6. **Photo requests** – The PTO would like to start a scrapbook of PTO events. If you have any photos that you have taken (or will take) please forward them to *Prescott Powers* at lpowers@killinglyschools.org. If you have prints you can bring them to any PTO meeting.

Secretary's & Teacher's report – *Monique Brown – absent*. Minutes from June meeting accepted unanimously. Minutes taken by Leah Grover for Sept. Meeting. Monique subsequently submitted the following to be entered into the minutes:

TEACHER'S REPORT

Monique Brown communicated via email that she could not attend tonight's meeting because of an illness in her family. She stated in the email that, after the staff read a PTO letter about the success of the teacher/student one-on-one activities at the Fall Carnival auction, they needed a clarification as to whether offering an activity for the auction was the only way for a teacher now to contribute. Could a teacher still sponsor a theme basket or volunteer for the event instead? Feedback would be appreciated.

7. **Fall Carnival** – *Karen Mitlitsky-absent*. Carnival will be held Saturday 9/30. Items are needed for silent auction. Volunteers are needed the day of the carnival. Last year's carnival raised \$6,000.00. This year there will be a break down of what is earned at each booth vs. cost of running each booth.
8. **Volunteering Coordination** – *Ron Baker*, Volunteers needed
9. **Fundraiser Review** – *Karen Sommers* –Sept: fall carnival, spring bulbs, mailbox markers, table at fireworks 9/16 to sell glow-sticks etc., gift wrap sale. Oct.: holiday wreaths, butter braids (pending approval), Yankee candles, cards by kids, pictures.
10. **Treasurer's Report** – *Lesley Sweeney* – See *treasurer's report* attached. Money left over from playscape fund to be discussed at October 2nd meeting.
11. **Budget Issues to think about for next meeting** – No more fundraising for playscape. A cabinet is needed for playground equipment, possibility of using Big Y points. Possibility of after school science program, once a week for 10 weeks, 2nd thru 4th grade. Cost to be determined, scholarships may be provided by PTO based on need. Kimberly Clark has volunteered to work with Norma Fisher-Doiron to pursue.

Motion to end Meeting: Karen Sommer
2nd Margaret Morrison
Motion carries unanimously 8:25pm

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