

December 2009
PTO Meeting Minutes

Opening remarks: Michele Lavoie and Paula Heinzmann thanked everyone for attending

Principal's Remarks: Mrs. Catarius also thanked everyone for attending, and thanked the PTO for everything they've done.

The holiday store was a great success, and Mrs. Catarius was thinking that for next year, we'd do it the same as the concert – half the alphabet would be asked to attend one night, and the other half another night, to minimize the lines and wait.

Mrs. Catarius also thought the winter concerts came off very nicely.

Currently grades 3-6 are doing benchmark assessments from CREC, which mimic CMT's, from which results will fuel our instruction.

The gym equipment will be coming down shortly.

Because of reorganization, we have our social worker, Donna Morrison for another day.

Thanks to Mrs. Lavoie and Mr. Laperriere for attending Tuesdays faculty meeting to talk about grants. The teachers are very excited.

Mrs. Catarius asked for funds to be earmarked for ELMO's – an overhead projector system that allows teachers to project regular pieces of paper.

Grades 1 and 2 went to Frog and Toad at the High School. Mrs. Catarius asked for \$300 to cover the cost of this excursion. Motion was made by Dave Berry and seconded by Andrea Ginter. Motion passed.

Secretary's Report - presented by Kathy Zapor – Motion to approve made by Michele Livingston, seconded by Andrea Ginter. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Dave Schroeder – We earned \$180 on Apparel Sales. We lost about \$100 on Bingo Night because of the increased fees for the permit. We had Comedy Night – we earned \$1200, which was to be held for a Smartboard, but since it's not enough to purchase one entire Smartboard, we may use the money for Technology instead, and put it towards other items. Entertainment books brought in about \$3400, but we still haven't been billed for them. Holiday Store made about \$1900 profit. The sixth grade committees earned the following - \$586 for the pie fundraiser, \$650 on the wreath fundraisers, and \$778 for the poinsettias, but we still may need to be billed for the poinsettias.

Dave stated that he is more than happy to send out a detailed budget for anyone who would like to have one.

After more discussion, the \$1200 from Comedy Night was agreed to be put towards the additional laptop that Mrs. Catarius wanted, plus any leftover funds to be put towards the ELMO.

Committee Reports:

BOE – Michele Lavoie did not get through the minutes from the last months meeting, and if anyone would like a copy of the minutes, please email her.

Parent Teacher Appreciation – Sue Breglio was doing this months appreciation.

Mrs. Fox picked a couple of poinsettias instead of a corsage.

Community Outreach – will be running the stuffed animal collection for Lovable Huggables. More info to follow.

Enrichment – HTHT will kick off on December 21st for the 4th grade.

Parent Teacher Conferences – Andrea Ginter – received feedback that parents appreciated having the option of dropping off their kids for babysitting while parents went to the meetings.

Grants – Mr. Laperriere said he went to a meeting with the teachers, and they were all receptive to cooperating with Mr. Laperriere to provide more information to complete the grants.

Talent Show – will be held in the beginning of April

Comedy Night – didn't do as well as past years, but was still very well received. Lots of audience participation.

Sixth Grade – still on track with the Pasta Dinner to be held in January. The teachers were looking forward to overseeing the gingerbread social. Many sixth graders were volunteering to help out with various school events.

Tiger Topics – no issue last month, will be a double issue this month. Please have all submissions to Kat Zapor by Sunday.

New Business: Mr. Kohlhagen recently lost both his brother and mother in law within weeks of each other. A suggestion was made to donate \$100 to the Robert Kohlhagen Memorial Fund on behalf of Emerson Williams School. Motion made by Michele Livingston, seconded by Andrea Ginter. Motion passed.

Michele Lavoie and Paula Heinzmann thanked all for attending. Meeting was adjourned.