

**April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010**  
**PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order** was made by co-presidents Michele Lavoie and Paula Heinzmann. Michele welcomed Emily Pifferi, school psychologist, especially.

**Teacher Representative** - Emily Pifferi explained her position in the school, and a few things that she does. One program is for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders - giving them a forum to voice any concerns they may have, and then work through their problems. If the program is a success, it would be brought throughout the other classes next year.

**Principal's Remarks**

Mrs. Catarius also thanked Emily for showing up and the wonderful job she's been doing connecting with the kids. Staff News - Mr. Nelson is the new head of security at Highcrest. We have a substitute in Matt Cancilliere. Ms. Norton was married last Friday, and will be moving to California in the next week. Sarah Weeks is our visiting author, and the students have really enjoyed her presentation. Thanks to Mrs. Lavoie for her donation to the media center. A large turtle was found on the grounds today at school...she has been coaxed back to the woods so she may lay her eggs. The ELMO demo has been received - the teachers are using it, and they love it! Most of the teachers would much appreciate it if ELMO's were put on the wish list. Poetry month has started. Also, the fire truck was here today - Megan Tanucci from grade 4 was the winner of the poster contest. Yankee Candles came in today as well. Michelle Bosco will be distributing it. Emerson is doing a blood drive, Mrs. Ciarcia is helping with it. There is a raffle that can be entered, with the grand prize being a pair of tickets to a Boston Red Sox game.

**Secretary's Report**-Kat Zapor submitted the minutes for the March meeting. A motion to accept was made by Michele Livingston, seconded by Michelle Bosco. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Dave Schraeder stated we have \$26,000 in the bank. Couple things that have gone on - \$500 donation to Dollars for Scholars was made. Class pictures took place on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We are still waiting for that check to come in. The Budget Meeting needs to have a date set.

**Committee Reports**

BOE - Michele Lavoie - Martin Malicki attended the meeting. He reported many parents are just very upset with the BOE. No resolutions have been made yet.

Beautification - Janet Vasel -

WSPC - Robin Bourassa - please try to get involved on the BOE Budget!! Meetings are April 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. On April 19<sup>th</sup> will be a large townwide budget meeting. There are 15 openings for the Greater Hartford Academy of Science for incoming freshmen. Also, the volunteer recognition forms have been received.

Talent show - Robin Bourassa - initial meeting went well. The location was changed, still on May 1<sup>st</sup> - now at WHS. Dress rehearsal is still at SDMS. Volunteers still needed!

6<sup>th</sup> grade - information will be going home next week for the \$20 needed to help defray the cost of the field trip, yearbook, and slide show.

Creative Arts - Martina Cacioli -

Enrichment - Michele Lavoie - Sarah Weeks was our visiting author, had great feedback. Books will be available through Barnes & Noble for purchase.

Grants and Playground equipment- Paul LaPierriere - Michele, Paula, Paul, and Mrs. Catarius met with John from the town to review the playground. Grants are available...the entire playground would cost about \$90,000. Once we are ready to purchase the plays cape, Paul will submit a request. Paul brought in catalogs so that we can start looking at which playground we would like to purchase. Paul would like to propose doing a fundraiser - an annual Emerson Williams golf tournament. Paul has already started looking at sponsors, golf courses, prices, etc.

TV Turnoff week - April 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Pool Night is Monday, Thursday is tentatively Bounce U, we are still working on a restaurant - possibly On The Border. Paul also suggested Tuesday or Wednesday be Zumba night in the gym.

Taste of Wethersfield - no tickets sold!!! Maybe next year!

Art Show - June 7<sup>th</sup>. Tracey Copeland has been working during the day to get the students artwork titled.

Labeling and matting still need to be done.

Big Y - Kelly Weinberg - We have enough for at least 7 electric pencil sharpeners!!! Yay! We have 214,000 points. Kelly is leaving the catalog for Mrs. Catarius. Last day for points is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Box Tops - Michelle Bosco - We will be having a contest in May. Nothing to report at this time.

Jog-A-Thon - Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>, with a raindate of May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Strawberry Fest - June 12<sup>th</sup>. We need game ideas and volunteers!

Rock Cats - Rocky will be at the Strawberry Fest. Emerson Williams Day is June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Yankee Candle - Michelle Bosco - we made \$1940, budgeted for \$1500. Items will be passed out shortly.

SDMS Apparel - Michele Lavoie - she will be doing a fundraiser. Anyone is welcome to purchase.

#### New Business

Michele Lavoie - considering doing beach towels with Stripes.

Paul volunteered Jackie for Raffle person for Strawberry Fest.

Martin Malicki implored everyone to go to BOE meetings, keeping in mind that it is our money being spent, and that we should try to attend as many meetings as possible to keep up with the current events going on in our town.

Tiger Topics submissions are due in to Dave Berry at [djberry@snet.net](mailto:djberry@snet.net) by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Genevieve Fundraiser has been taken over by Claudia and Darka.

Closing remarks were made by Paula Heinzmann and Michele Lavoie. They thanked everyone for attending.