

May 2010 PTO Meeting Minutes  
May 13, 2010

**Call to order** - made by Michele Lavoie.

**Teacher Representatives** - Brenda McLaughlin - Language Arts and Reading Consultant, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Forst from Grade 1. Mrs. McLaughlin thanked us for funding the purchase of some of the books from the Nutmeg Book Awards last year. The kids absolutely love them. Because of the PTO's generous donation and also a donation from an anonymous donor, the library now has a large selection for the students. Mrs. McLaughlin asked if the PTO would consider donating funds for this purpose again - \$1172.10 for 10 copies, \$1422.52 for 12 copies. The PTO agreed to place it in the wish list and consider it. Mrs. Forst and Mrs. Jones thanked everyone for everything that the PTO does. Both teachers spoke about the ELMO's - how much they truly enjoy it and think that it's fantastic. The kids truly loved the ELMO and all of the different things you can do with it.

Michele Lavoie and Martin Malicki were able to view and interact with an IPIVA, which is a digital camera that can be projected and utilized similar to ELMO's.

The teachers, prompted by Martin Malicki, spoke a little about all of the printer problems. It was determined that a second and/or better copier is really a necessity. Martin is looking into how many copiers other schools in our town have, and how they were acquired.

**Principal's Remarks** - We received the \$750 Mobil grant - thank you to Jackie Malizia. The Discovery Center was great, as was the Talent Show. Brian Gilly was here, had all the kids up and dancing. The Spring Concert was held last week - excellent. Spirit Week will be the last week of school, ending with the much anticipated kickball game! Kindergarten orientation will be on June 7<sup>th</sup>, held in the morning at 9:30 am. On the last day of school is Fly Up. There will be quite a bit of shuffling of teachers - more to follow.

**Secretary's Report** - Kat Zapor submitted April's Minutes for review and approval. Dave Berry motioned to accept, Darka seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - Dave Schroeder submitted the 2010-2011 Budget for review. It will be amended and approved at the next meeting. It was determined that the PTO can invest savings (like for playground) in a CD or other type of savings account without any penalty.

A motion to purchase Mrs. McLaughlin's books was made by big bald guy and seconded by Martin Malicki. Motion was approved. Another motion was made to take the money out of the startup fund from next year. Motion was defeated. Third motion was made to use 50/50 - half the money out of the wish list fund, and half out of the startup fund by Dave Schroeder, seconded and thirded by Lauren and Kim Marena. Motion was passed.

**Committee Reports -**

BOE - Martin Malicki - we have a new assistant principal at the high school. Mr. Kohlhagen is no longer employed with the school system. There was a proposal to dismiss the ethics charges against Mr. Kohlhagen, but that was declined. Nothing newer to report. One of our students was recognized - Hannah McKee - for her work on the French Horn.

Community of Concern - Michele Lavoie made a motion to budget \$2 per student to pay for the booklets for the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade class - 71 students = \$142. Motion to approve was made by Dave Berry, and seconded by Michele Livingston. Motion was approved.

WSPC - Robin Bourassa - volunteer recognition - Dave Schroeder was nominated. The ceremony will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Creative Arts - Martina Cacioli - May 6<sup>th</sup>, Brian Gilly was here. It was wonderful. On the fundraiser - EW managed to raise more money than any other school.

Cheer/Teacher Appreciation - Enchanted was the theme for the May appreciation - teachers loved it!

Enrichment - Hi Touch Hi Tech - Michele Lavoie - still going on. Michele is looking into a new author for next year - the author of the Magic TreeHouse series.

Grants - Paul and Jackie LaPerriere - Jackie is looking for field trip grants. There is nothing for the art desks available in grants.

Playground - grant for the playground- can't be done until we're closing to actually getting the playground.

Family Events:

TV Turn Off Week - April 26-30 - very successful - Thank you to Michele and Paula. \$400 was earned from On The Border.

Talent Show - Robin and Michelle did an outstanding job again.

Art Show - Tracy Copeland has all of the pieces titled except for one. Labels will be printed and assembly will begin soon.

Fundraisers:

Big Y - Kelly Weinberg - we have enough to buy at least 8 electric pencil sharpeners. The program runs through June. Please shop there as much as possible!!

Box Tops - A check for \$234.30 was received.

Jog-A-Thon - Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> - raised \$302.50. Raindate is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Strawberry Festival - Free Strawberries thanks to Kelly Weinberg! Thanks! Kelly also has commitment for a face painter to come in.

Rock Cats - June 27<sup>th</sup> - parking is \$3 per car, tickets are \$7.

Sixth Grade - Step up is June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Kim Marena is cruising along with Yearbook.

**New Business** - Presidential Nominations - more info to follow. Darka had questions about Genevieve.

**Closing Remarks** - Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 by Paula and Michele simultaneously.