

June 2010 PTO Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2010

**Call to Order:** Paula Heinzmann and Michele Lavoie called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm

**Teacher Representations:** none this meeting.

**Principal's Remarks:** the playground has a damaged piece. There are two options for repair - one costs \$1500 and would replace the climber. The other would remove the climber and just put a piece of mesh, and would cost \$275. The second option was unanimously voted on. Mrs. Catarius is pleased to announce that the teacher of the year for next year is Mrs. Krawciw. The art fest was wonderful - Mrs. Catarius thanked everyone for all their hard work. The teacher appreciation was ice cream - they loved it. Field Day was wonderful with Mr. Coursey. On June 17<sup>th</sup> the courtyard will be dedicated, with the girl scouts coming. Next week is Spirit Week. The kickball game is going to be held Friday. Fly Up is on the last day of school - to meet their next year's teachers and students, on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to the PTO for everything that they did last year.

**Secretary's Report:** presented by Kat Zapor. Motion to accept made by Amber Kiniry, seconded by Martin Malicki. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** presented by Dave Schroeder. Dave made an error in the report for the sixth grade activities. Dave has corrected the mistake - the amended reports have been handed out for review. All questions were answered. Andrea suggested we add books for new teachers, and appreciation week costs into the budget. Motion to accept made by Lauren Barbara. Seconded by Martina Cacioli. Motion was approved.

Dave brought up the wish list - total of \$9198.85. The wish list was amended to remove the traffic cones until Mrs. Catarius speaks with Mr. Discenza.

The motion to accept Mr. Coursey's submission made by Martina Cacioli, seconded by Michele Livingston and Amber Kiniry.

Michele Lavoie spoke with other art teachers in the district to get more information about various art tables. Motion made by Martin Malicki to earmark \$4000 for the art tables. Seconded by Dave Berry. Nayed by Lauren Barbara and Andrea Ginter. Motion passed.

Technology - the motion to accept was made by Dave Berry, seconded by Michele Livingston. Motion approved.

Mrs. Catarius proposed to form a technology committee involving the PTO and teachers to make decisions for the latest technology that will meet over the summer.

Motion to take any excess money from Strawberry Festival or over the startup funds and earmark it for the playground made by Martin Malicki, seconded by Dave Berry. Motion approved.

**Committee Reports -**

Nominating Committee - Robin Bourassa has nominated both Andrea Ginter and Dave Berry for first year presidents. Both are interested in the position. Robin passed out ballots for all to vote, and tallied the votes. The results are Andrea Ginter by a landslide! Thanks to Robin, efficient as always.

Sixth Grade - trip to Boston tomorrow - 3 buses. 26 chaperones, 7 teachers and paras. Tuesday is Pine Acres. Thursday will be the step up ceremony. The yearbook has been sent off to print. Troy Morse and Dave Berry have been working on the DVD/Slideshow. Jackie and Robin are very thankful to all who have helped.

WSPC - had a meeting. Robin will return in the fall to explain what this is. Usually meet Tuesdays at lunch. They meet once a month. Next year they will try to do Wednesdays. They are looking for a new Director, not an assistant superintendent. The High School is looking for renovations again, with a 49% reimbursement from the state. Accreditations are slated for 2011. Charles Wright is getting a brand new roof.

PTO scholarship - \$500 Dollars for Scholars went to Alexander Tougas.

Beautification - flowers are blooming. Mrs. Catarius donated \$240 towards tables for the courtyard.

Box Tops - Mrs. Jahne's class won. Total collected was \$285. They will be receiving a popcorn party on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Grants - Paul - the two teachers from last month's PTO meeting applied for a camera grant. It's being worked on.

Art Show - huge success. Take down was about an hour and a half. Set up was about 4 hours. Thanks to everyone who helped with that. This is an every 2 year event. Next year will be Poetry Night.

Strawberry Fest - Saturday. Need as many volunteers as we can get. Need most hours between 10 and 2. Special thanks to Jeff Buysse for getting the sign up. Nature Center will not be there due to a death in the family. Meeting at 7 am at the firehouse for ice. Baked goods are due tomorrow.

Target - as of May 27<sup>th</sup>, we have 25 card holders, and we will be getting one check per year.

Big Y has triple points in the month of June. June 2<sup>nd</sup> we had 251, 250 points, which means we can get 8 electric pencil sharpeners.

Jog-a-thon - very successful. We made \$878, and the kids loved it.

Rock Cats - June 27<sup>th</sup>, \$7 per ticket. Rocky may even show up at the Strawberry Festival.

**New Business** - Martin looked into copiers. Only one school has two copiers. We probably aren't getting another copier. Martin doesn't recommend we spend any money. Perhaps a different machine - swapped - may be appearing next year.

Dave Schroeder asked that you get in all of your reimbursement forms by the end of the school year.

EW will be playing Highcrest at a teacher softball game.

Andrea suggested we set up an Emerson Williams Facebook page. Mrs. Catarius will check with the BOE to see if we can do it.

Paula Heinzmann thanked Michele Lavoie for all her dedication the past 2 years to the PTO, and presented her with a thank you card for On The Border.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm by Paula Heinzmann and Michele Lavoie.