

PTO Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2009

Attendees: Michelle Decker (President), Tim Sisk (Vice President), Heather Huff (Reporter), Linda Bradley (Treasurer), Jennifer Prol (Secretary), Karie Lane (Principal), Christa Clore (Assistant Principal), Becki Orsi (Pre-K), Pam Harris (Kindergarten), , C. Van Pelt (1st Grade), Megan Schuster (2nd Grade), Sue Sisk (4th Grade), Stacey Parker (5th Grade), Donna Harris, Susan Sublett, Barbara Clatterbaugh, Libba Chase, Lisa McPeak, Cindy Hughes, Betsy Smith, Crystal Smith, Christa Clore, Patti Weaver, Leigh Pearson, Michelle Rollins

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Mrs. Lane stated that the beginning of this school year was off to a great start and that the drop off/pick up process was going well. She also stated that she was excited to see so many parents at this PTO meeting and was looking forward to a great year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Michelle Decker updated group on Treasurer's Report. PTO carried about a \$12,000 "cushion" from previous years, but had to use some of it for expenses. She stated that PTO shouldn't carry such a large balance and should use some of it to benefit the school. This topic will be discussed in future meetings. PTO is projecting that about \$900 of this balance will be used for current year's expenses. PTO decided to give each grade level a lump sum of money for them to use at their discretion, instead of specific allocations, as some grade levels were getting more than others.

CURRENT/UPCOMING EVENTS

The Catalog fundraiser is ongoing and will wrap up 9/22/09. For those children who sell at least 15 items for the Catalog fundraiser, they will be invited to attend the Bicycle Stunt Show on 11/04/09 at PSES. Jen Prol stated that Spirit Night dates will be announced shortly, as discussed in a message from Annette Aluzas, who is the Chairperson, but couldn't attend this meeting. At the Back to School night (9/22/09), the Librarian, Lisa Groves, will be having a fundraiser for the Library by selling used books and having a bake sale. All proceeds will go to the Library for new books, equipment, etc. L. Groves will also be running the Fall Book Fair. PTO will also be doing the Square One Art fundraiser this year with the Art Teacher's, (Mrs. Peterson), help. Last year, Mrs. Peterson helped with this fundraiser as PTO could not get enough volunteers to run it. For her help, Mrs. Peterson got 25% of the profits (about \$300) to supplement her budget.

Various PSES Tiger items are for sale in the PSES "Spirit Store", such as t-shirts, buttons, etc. PTO is going to get window stickers instead of magnets for cars. Tim Sisk discussed PTO selling Christmas porcelain ornaments as they sold very well at the Police Station.

PTO is still urging parents to participate in the programs that “give back” to PSES, such as Safeway/Food Lion, Martins, Target, Box Tops/Tyson’s Project A+ Labels/Campbell’s Labels for Education/Nestle/ Capri Sun pouches. Parents need to re-enroll every year with the store programs and are urged to contact the PTO with any questions. Red Ribbon Week, which is the Drug Awareness campaign, is going to be run from 10/26-29/09. Volunteers are needed to help hang posters throughout the school. Volunteers are encouraged to contact M. Decker if interested. PTO discussed getting the children involved by having them make posters for this event.

Movie night is scheduled for 11/13/09, but that date might have to be changed due to conflicting events. This will be finalized in the near future. Kim Schrader is chairperson for movie nights, but couldn’t attend this meeting. Volunteers are needed for this event as well.

The Angel Tree event is scheduled to begin in November. Mrs. Kotek (Guidance Counselor) is coordinating the names for this event and will be working with PTO chairperson, Cindy Stanley, to organize it. Volunteers are needed to help “wrap up” this event.

Daddy/Daughter Dance is scheduled for February 20, 2010. Date to be announced at a later time. Lisa Fettig and Heather Huff are co-chairs for this event.

Mother/Son event is scheduled for 3/20/09 at PSES. Barbara Clatterbaugh is the chairperson and stated that the event will be a dragster race, in which moms/sons will design a dragster for \$10/boy and then the cars will be raced. Lunch will be included.

OPEN DISCUSSION/NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Decker emphasized that the PTO wants to involve the children as much as possible with PSES event decisions, spirit competitions, rewards, etc. to help build their school spirit.

M. Decker also expressed her concern that parents limit their volunteer time to one event, so they don’t get burned out doing multiple events (unless they have a couple that are truly dear to their hearts). She encouraged this so that parents are able to enjoy other events with their children. She, then, thanked everyone for attending and for volunteering to help make PSES a wonderful school.

Meeting was adjourned.

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