

PTO Meeting minutes – September 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm.

Present: , Samina Das Barritt, Jenn Carlson, Susan Carroll, Shaun Harrison, Deanna Kempke, Wanda Perez, Amy Pufahl, Simone McDaniel, Amy Penoyar, Carol Shakarian, Kacey Reese, Beth Loomis, Stacy Schwartz, Tina Gould, Marianne Bailey, Jill Priestley, Jin Jung, Elizabeth Torrey, Barb Killewald, Jessica Guthre, Melissa Caouette, Fran Steele Suzanne Wu, Suzy Tibbetts

General Meeting

Teacher Presentation- 1st grade teachers, Barb Killewald and Elizabeth Torrey:

- Science Fair for this school year will be held on April 26, 2012. It is a fun, all school participating event.
- K thru 2, will be sent once a month to a different class to assess writing skills.
- Fridays for 1 hour, perhaps 2 times a month to learn from older kids as role models.
- Field trips this year will be a Charter bus to Toledo Zoo, looking at Thur date which would work better. Kensington park for winter bird study, Wild Swan and Channel 4 Weather (Free)

Principal's Report

- Carol Shakarian presented PowerPoint presentation – continuous improvement – “Success for All”
- Diversity, Budget cuts 7%, Strategic Plan
- Enrollment – stands at 253 students – enrollment at end of last year was 255
- New Staff:
 - Katie Hughes- Title 1
 - Jessica Sawin- 3rd grade teacher
 - Karen Sanderson- 4th grade teacher
 - Ann O’Keefe and Kim McLean-Media Specialists
 - Jason Treece- Art(former Pittsfield student!)
 - Doug Horn- Band instrumental
- NWEA Assessments 3- 4 times per yr in math and reading subjects in all grades, K-5.

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report- Samina Das Barritt

- Minutes from June 2010 meeting presented. Deanna Kempke moved to approve. Wanda Perez seconded, minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report- Suzanne Wu

- Projected income drop. Expenses Up. Sources of variance. Motion to approve proposed budget made by Wanda Perez, seconded by Jenn Carlson, budget passed.

President's Report

- Deanna Kempke welcomed new and returning PTO members. Presented information on Teacher grants. Increase from \$14 to \$20 this year to help with budget cuts. With (30) staff members that is about \$5100 for classroom and \$900 for specials teachers. Suggestion is that money would be given up front. 1 vote yes, all others opposed.
- Assemblies planned for the year are Gemini, storyteller, bringing an author in for Reading month in March, Anti- bullying, Bucket fillers and Jump Rope events.
- Fundraising efforts: Donation Drive with the goal of \$25 per child. Pizza kit sales in Feb 2012, Market Day, Fun Run with Oct 20 kick off
- Cyber bullying Lecture will be on Nov 15 from 6-7 pm and will be held during the Nov PTO time slot. Session is free and is available for parents\guardians.
Curriculum night – Samina Das Barritt presented information on upcoming restaurant night. Marco's Pizza scheduled for curriculum night, Tuesday, September 20, 2011, will receive 20% of proceeds. Also, Jenn Carlson suggested that PTO sponsor a staff dinner from Marcos. Samina Barritt agreed to coordinate effort and will arrange for delivery and other items.
- Fall Fest – Fran Steele agreed to chair event again this year. New parent, Stacy Schwartz agreed to assist with maze. Many new parents in attendance.

Deanna Kempke motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:17 pm, seconded by Samina Das Barritt