

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2007

Attendees: Shelly Barnum, Angie Clizbe, Lisa VanAernam, Monica Poitras, Lisa Askew, Karen Miller, Patricia Sotero, Lisa Brown, Jill Richardson, Corky Fisher, Patricia Muselback, Susan Ackerbauer, Donna Albanese, Jen Hickok, Christina Sitts, Lori Carter, Michelle Heroth, Chris Clizbe, Nancy Spencer, Nadeen Rizzo, Jen Spoppable, Bill Ackerbauer, Audrey Goot

Handling of PTA Monies:

Lisa V. reviewed new policies regarding processing monies collected for PTA sponsored fund raisers and informed participants, at a high level, of events that transpired during 2006-2007 school year that drove the new procedures. The Audit Report is available should anyone wish to read it.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Shelly Barnum and Karen Miller

Budget: Motion to accept - Mrs. Sitts and Mrs. Askew

- School trip fund vs. Sixth Grade Field Trip – allotted \$1000 for the 6th Grade trip. This amount will include admission fee and lunch at the park. 6th Grade Classes will participate in additional fundraising that will be applied towards this balance.

Float for Veteran's Day Parade – will put into Budget for 2008-2009. For 2007-2008 Mrs. Ackerbauer will submit any applicable expenses.

Central Council – First meeting is September 20th at 6:30 at Pleasant Avenue

Pancake Breakfast: Potentially reschedule from October 7th.

(This is Columbus Day weekend and many families will be out of town.)

This funds raised will be applied towards the 6th Grade fieldtrip.

Lisa V. will discuss with Steve Pratt to contact Moose for an alternate date.

Once a new date is established, we will need volunteers. Especially looking for 6th grade students and their families to help out.

Staff Birthday Celebrations:

Lisa Brown – All set with September and November birthday celebrations.

Looking for volunteers to assist with goodies for remaining months of school year. If interested, please contact Lisa Brown.

School Store: Mr. Fisher has volunteered to assist.

Popcorn Sales: Michelle Heroth, Karen Miller and Angie Clizbe will assist with the first sale for Mrs. Ackerbauer this Friday, 9-14-07.

Homework Club: **Need volunteers!** This is a very beneficial program for the students and we need volunteers in order to continue with the Club for just a short period of time each day after-school. Any amount of time you can spare would be appreciated. Please see Mrs. Sotero to sign up.

Fundraiser:

Packets went home on Friday, 9-7-07.

BOCES classes would like to participate.

Lisa V. looking to have “turn in date” extended to accommodate these classes.

Box Tops/Tools for Schools/Campbells/Hannaford/Ink Cartridges:

Be sure to sign up at Price Chopper and Hannaford for "Jansen Avenue" to receive the points.
Box Tops and Campbells – please put in a baggie labeled with your child's name and teacher.

Looking for a volunteer to take over the administration of the Box Tops and Campbells duties. Please contact Lisa VanAernam if interested.

Open House: Rescheduled from 9-27-07 to 10-4-07.

Book Fair will still be on Oct. 4th.

Pleasant Avenue PTA members will come over and assist.

In exchange, *we need volunteers to work the Pleasant Avenue Open House on 9-26-07. Please contact Lisa VanAernam.*

Picture Day: September 25, 2007. Packets will be going home with the students shortly.

Mrs. Albanese and Mrs. Heroth will assist.

Lisa V. will contact Mrs. VanDenburgh as well.

Fall Festival: Scheduled for October 26th.

Looking for 6th Grade Parent volunteers and a chairperson.

Potential idea is to secure a DJ.

PARP: *Need volunteers to help laminate/cut/assemble the buttons and bookmarks.***Grandparents Day:** Mrs. Sitts finalizing ideas for the day.**Principal's Report:**

- SDM Team: Tracy Veit, Karen Miller, Sue Ackerbauer, Tammy Johnson, Tracy Russo, Renee Mowrey, Patricia Sotero. Ideas are flowing and looking forward to a great year.
- Photography Club: Purchased 2 digital cameras for students to use and start a Photography Club to assist with website, yearbook, newsletters, etc. (Grades 3-6)
- Computer Workshop being developed. Students will learn inner-workings of the computers.
- Foreign Language Class – Mrs. Sotero is looking into establishing a new club for the students.
- Science lab – Established new science lab which includes mini-greenhouse, microscopes, computers, etc. Teachers (K-6) will be signing up their classes up to participate.
- New PA system including phones in classrooms.
- New Classes at Jansen:
 - Helen Neet: Teaching a Hearing Impaired Class, working on teaching sign language, different communication means.
 - Patricia Muselbeck: Teaching an Autistic/Special Needs class.
- Jansen Avenue 40th year Anniversary – looking to celebrate! Details TBD.
- Book Room – Former 6th grade student volunteers helped to organize. Looks great!
- New School Secretary - Sue Simek. Stop by and say Hello!

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 9th at 6:30pm in Jansen Avenue School Library