

# PTO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 11, 2009

- I. Called to order- 8:08pm. Minutes approved as read. Karen Simon makes motion to approve. Stacy Klein seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

## II. Executive Committee Reports

### A. **Treasurer's Report - Alicia Johnson**

Alicia was not present. Current balance is \$24,808.06. The PTO needs to pay out for enrichment, directory, spirit wear & art cards. See attached for finance information.

### B. **Corresponding Secretary - Sally Seidenfrau**

Thank you cards from Mrs. Brunck's first grade classes for the new rug. Norwood faculty thanks the PTO for the back to school breakfast. Thank you card was sent to the Condoleo family for sponsoring the website.

### D. **Dr. Feifer - Interim School Superintendent**

Dr. Feifer will split attending PTO meetings with Mrs. Johnson. Unannounced police drills for lockdown and safety plans will be scheduled. CUSAC monitoring is January 14, 2010 and may be affected by financial issues. He is confident that academics will not be affected by finance issues.

Dr. Feifer said that he sent out a letter, see attached, to update all families on the financial issues affecting our school. The letter will also be posted on the website. There seem to be difficulties with financial shortages. We have to cut programs and expenses, or go to the town to ask for assistance which will mean an increase in taxes. It was found that the school is \$165,000 out of compliance. This plan keeps the same class size and arts programs. Cuts are in the areas of extracurricular activities. Parents will have to pay for afterschool and scholastic sports. The Board of Ed would like the PTO to fund basketball and track on a pay as you play basis. In addition, there will be no standardized testing for grades 1 & 2. Parents will have to pay for transportation on field trips. See attached letter.

Dr. Feifer answered a variety of questions from concerned parents regarding specifics about the financial issues.

## III. Committee Reports

### A. **After school clubs - Karen Simon & Stacy Klein**

They are looking for someone to take over because their term is complete. Sheila Turner has volunteered to take over but she needs someone to co-chair with her.

**B. 8th grade committee - Pam Abramawitz**

No report

**C. Grandparents Day - Lizz Giampaglia**

Approached Panera and they will be delivering bagels and muffins for grandparents day. Dunkin Donuts was asked but will not provide coffee. Lizz asked Starbucks and is waiting for a response about if they will provide coffee.

**D. Holiday Boutique - Kathy Moon**

Plans are underway for the holiday boutique and there will be many new vendors. Just need to be careful about purchasing because what we purchase we own, but can use any surplus for next year.

**E. KPSC - Kathy Moon**

No report

**F. Walkathon - Fran Drucker**

Walkathon was a great success. The children raised \$14,801.30 in pledges. Two classes had 100% participation, which is amazing! Need to talk to Mrs. Johnson about raffle for giving out incentives. Also, need to send reminders to families to send in pledge money before the deadline.

**IV. New Business**

**A. Funding for girls and boys basketball**

Robert Solomon makes a motion to budget \$4500 to the Board of Education to fund girls and boys basketball. Lizz Giampaglia seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

**B. Additional fundraising ideas**

1. Possibly doing a lottery ticket fundraiser or a casino night. Adults will sell the tickets. Lizz Giampaglia makes a motion to start a committee to investigate lottery idea. Sally Seidenfrau seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:32

NEXT MEETING: December 9, 2009