

## PTO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 16, 2009

- I. Called to order-8:08 pm. Minutes approved as read. Robert Solomon makes motion to approve. Wendy Ward seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

### II. Executive Committee Reports

#### A. **President's Report-Colleen Steele**

Colleen introduces new board and the many new programs that the PTO is planning, the website has been updated, please register online as all old email addresses have been removed. Each committee head has her/his own page on the site.

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

Checking account balance: \$11,916.18

See attached for details

Robert Solomon moves to approve the budget. Garen Sass seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes,

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

Thank you from Dr. Rose for the restaurant gift certificate that was given as a farewell gift. Barbara Migdalen, the technology coordinator, thanks the PTO for the 20 desktop computers and video adapters. Gina Hennessey wrote a thank you card for the generous end of the year gift. Ellen Ubl wrote a thank you card for the Spanish award. Luke Serra wrote thank you for the generous gift for the college supplies.

#### D. **School Principal – Betty Johnson**

Thank you to the PTO especially in the area of technology. We have an active PTO and communication is the key. Mrs. Johnson encouraged parents to become familiar with teachers and students. See website for the school handbook. ASK profiles will be in the mail this Friday. CUSAC monitoring will be this year after November. Dr. Feifer, the interim chief school administrator will be here twice a week. He is president of the Valley Committee and will communicate via email because he will usually be at meetings. This interim position is for two years, which is the limit. Several new positions have been filled this year including the new guidance counselor for grades 5-8. Upcoming back to school nights are 9/23, 10/1, and 10/7. Parents will receive each grades curriculum that evening. Ms. Sarfity spent the summer in Greece & Italy on a grant and has applied for another Federal grant in the amount of \$3,000 so that she may create a Mosaic wall in the upper grade wing.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. After school clubs-Karen Simon**

Registration will be next Tuesday at 7pm. If you cannot come that evening then send in forms on Wednesday. Its first come first serve. Classes start on 10/6. Check website for recent corrections.

#### **B. Art cards-Samantha Fruhling**

Good turnout last year. Students draw their creation in one period of Art Class. Its completely voluntary. Art work will begin 9/29 and be given to parents by 10/23. Deadline for ordering will be 10/30 to ensure delivery before holidays.

#### **C. Author Day-Samantha Fruhling**

Samantha has lined up 2 paid authors. Robert Lipsyte for grades 6-8 on March 10 for \$2500 plus car service. Gordon Korman has been hired for grades 3-5 on Feb. 5 for \$3000. In conjunction with Kenny from Books & Greetings three other authors have been hired for free. All book sales will be done through Books & Greetings. See attached for more details.

#### **D. Class parents-Colleen Steele**

Wendy Bajakian is in charge of class parents and all classes are filled except 7B.

#### **E. Cultural Arts – No report**

#### **F. Directory-Alicia Johnson/Jocelyn Pena**

Still collecting forms. Ad sales are down and deadline is 10/1. Jocelyn Pena is taking over.

#### **G. E-mail Blasts-Kumhwa Kim**

Everyone needs to register online in order to receive email blasts. Last year's addresses have been removed from the system.

#### **H. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee-Cindy Ludwig**

Need to raise \$60,0000 for the DC trip. Wrapping paper sales are in backpacks. Restaurant discount cards are available for \$20 each for 10% discount at local delis and restaurants. Many more fundraisers to come.

#### **I. Eyes on Art- Samantha Fruhling**

Wendy Bajakian will do grades 1-3 but she had no report. Samantha Fruhling & Karen Simon will do grades 4-5. Two dates have been secured in Dec, Jan, and April.

Still deciding on artists. Considering starting program for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Puliatte wants to start a museum club on Saturdays to go to the city to museums.

**J. International Fair- Lizz Giampaglia & Kathy Moon**

They are investigating the possibility of bringing back this event. Was once a Norwood tradition. Potential is to set up an expo type layout for different cultural foods, garments, artwork, and pictures inside the APR, have some games and events outside in the school's field and/or Cafeteria (depending on weather). Aiming for the Spring depending upon the school's calendar. More info to follow and volunteers are needed.

**K. KPSC- Kathy Moon**

Kathy explained that the Korean Parent Support Committee is for Korean Parents who can't speak English. She translates the PTO meetings and presents the information the next day to the KPSC. They do many activities such as Korean thanksgiving, crossing guard breakfast, fundraising, etc.

**L. Membership-Colleen Steele**

As of now we have 250 members out of and 430 families in the school. The goal is 600 members. There will be a membership drive at back to school night and Colleen needs help to sign people those evenings. The dates are 9/23, 10/1, and 10/7.

**M. Spirit Wear-Samantha Fruhling**

Working with a local vendor to finalize this fall's order and should have samples early next week. We want to offer less items to decrease confusion and increase sales. Seasonal clothing will be sold this year, as it relates to Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer wear. Order form will hopefully go in backpack to make ordering clearer.

**N. Walkathon-Fran Drucker**

Pep rally is 10/8. Walkathon is 10/23 with a 10/27 raindate. This year we will continue to use the Walkathon outsourced management company with the goal that next year we will do independently and save money. Lizz Giampaglia volunteered to try and renegotiate this years charges. In addition, the 5% reminder fee will be deleted from the scope of work and we will use E-mail blasts to remind people to send in their pledges. Ideas are needed to help motivate older students. Some ideas were homework passes, pizza parties, and a raffle.

**O. Boxtops-Garen Sass**

Garen explained what boxtops are and that they are worth 10 cents each. Our goal is \$900 and we currently have \$5. Lizz Giampaglia asked Garen to send out flyer via email blast as soon as possible to encourage families to cut boxtops, send them in with their children's backpacks. Another contest will begin with a March/April cutoff dates to allow turnaround time for payment from Boxtops. The class with the most boxtops will win a Pizza Party and will be announced over the PA system. You can also receive boxtops credit for shopping. See [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com) for registration information and participating stores.

**P. Junior Energy-Wendy Ward**

Wendy explained about the light bulb sale and there has been little interest. Cost is reasonable and the bulbs are of great quality. Will be sold at back to school night. She also suggested family portrait program where a photographer comes on a Sunday to take pictures of families. There is a small sitting fee which is donated to the PTO and families can order Portraits, Holiday Cards, etc.

**IV. New business**

A. School requests

Two first grades request rugs at the cost of \$700. Lizz Giampaglia makes a motion to buy the rugs for \$700.00. Garen Sass seconds the motion, All in favor, None opposed, Motion passes.

B. Need committee chairs for the following:

After school clubs

Hospitality

Health & safety

Movie Night

Student banking

We care

Meeting Adjourned: 9:17 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 14 at 10 am in Cafeteria

