

PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 14, 2008

Attendees: Monica Poitras, Elena Willett, Karen Miller, Angie Clizbe, Colleen Lester, Roger Rhodes, Michelle Heroth, Kelly Woodard, Carrie Pechtel, Stephanie Bordis, Chris Clizbe, Jodi Kilmer, Jessi Stuart, Lisa VanAernam, Nadeen Rizzo, Jen Spoppable, Corky Fisher, Jill Richardson, Lisa Askew.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept – Lisa Askew and Lisa VanAernam

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Karen Miller and Lisa VanAernam

Committee Reports:

Hospitality:

- Thank you from Mrs. Shepard and Ms. Hickok for the donation. They were able to supply backpacks to 45 students
- Thank you from James. He was one of the students that rec'd one of the backpacks.
- Thank you from Mr. DeMarco for his retirement gift.
- **Johnstown Hall of Fame Recognition:** Jon Aldrich, Robert Valachovic and Frank Shields are going to be inducted to the Hall of Fame. If you would like to attend, the event is on Sunday November 2nd. Looking for donations towards the reception. Monica Poitras and Jessie Stuart to make cookies on behalf of Jansen Avenue and drop off at Leslie Bosworth's home.

Central Council:

- Discussions regarding vandalism occurring at the schools. Discussions underway to determine a way to deter the vandalism activity the school district is suffering from.
- Founders Day nominations need to be in by December 11th as well as basket themes.
- Reflections Theme is WOW!
- Fall Covered Dish and Second Central Council Meeting – November 13th @ Warren Street School at 6pm. Jansen Avenue Provides 5 2-liter bottles of soda and 2 cases of water. Lisa VanAernam to pick up and deliver to the dinner.

School Store:

Sales are a bit slow so far. Contact Corky Fisher if you would be available to help out. Corky getting ready to place an order. Looking to donate some of the older products that aren't moving for gifts

Popcorn Sales: Going very well.

Fundraiser:

Fall Fundraiser - Went very well. Raised approx. \$800 more this year than last year. Thank you everyone for participating! Hopefully have products by end of October for distribution.

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

- **Box Tops:** Submitted \$115 for re-imburements. Doing a friendly challenge between the classes. Top winners will receive certificates and ice cream treats.
 - Mr. Westman suggested doing rewards periodically instead of all at the end. A piggy-back suggestion was to perhaps coordinate with the submission dates for the Box Tops. Turns out to be almost a monthly event. Good reinforcement throughout the year and then do an overall at the end of the year.
 - Box Tops will periodically run sweepstakes. This is a bonus opportunity for our school to receive additional credits to get additional items.
 - Go on-line at www.boxtops4education.com to enter.
- **Campbells labels** – Keep sending them in. Please be sure to send in the UPC and the picture of the Cambells soup "kid".
- **Ink Cartridges** – Please keep sending them in. We get money back for each one mailed in. Just rec'd \$40.99 in reimbursements.
- **Hannaford** – Update TBD.

Old/New Business:

- **Book Fair:** Was a success. Thanks to all that participated.
- **Picture Day:** Apologies for the date change. Worked out well. Can't wait to see all those smiles.
- **Fall Festival:** Plans are all set. Reminders being sent home. Michelle Heroth will be calling the list of volunteers.
- **Pancake Breakfast** – November 2nd. Contact Lisa Askew to sign up. She will also be contacting the 6th Graders to help set up the tables. Suggestion was made to do a contest for Top Selling Boy and Top Selling Girl for pre-sale tickets. Winners will each receive 2 movie tickets.
- **Open House** – Great Evening. Thanks for coming and helping.
- **Reflections** – Had 18 students come to the first 2 workshops. Waiting on some of the entry forms. Need to be in by November 14th.
- **Baskets for Families – Thanksgiving** – Suggestion to get this kick-started is to have an “admission ticket” to the Fall Festival of a donation of a canned good or non-perishable item. Michelle will have the reminder updated.
- **Santa's Workshop** – Carrie Pechtel is the Chairperson. Please see her to volunteer. She needs some “elves” to assist in shopping.
- **Founder's Day Committee:**
 - Participants need to include: Principal, Teacher, Past Recipient of the Award from this School.
 - Principal: Mrs. Lester
 - Teacher: Jennifer will email Ms. Hickok and Ms. Vazal for a teacher representative.
 - Past Recipient: Elena Willet
 - Other: Monica Poitras

BASKET THEME – Need to decide on themes. One suggestion was “All Smiles”. Please contact anyone on the Founder's Day Committee with ideas.

- **Nominees for City Wide and Michele Boyer Awards still need to be determined.**
- **Homework club** – Feedback is that it is a great club when used as intended. Has been abused by some students. Need to have homework in order to participate. Guidelines for use/mis-use contract needs to be developed. Looking for volunteers for 30 mins afterschool Monday – Thursday. Contact Elena Willett or Mrs. Lester if you are interested in assisting.

Principal's Report:

- Red Ribbon week begins October 22nd which coincides with the Drug Free Healthy Lifestyles week. Students will receive bracelets that have character words printed on the back.
- Dare begins October 22nd
- Character colors for this week – flier was sent home with details.
- School board recognition week – October 27th
- Fall Festival – 6th Graders would like to volunteer to assist. Michelle Heroth will work to coordinate.

New Business:

- Chris Clizbe wanted to remind all administrators of a terrific website: www.donorschoose.org – Sign on to find out how you can request free supplies for projects in your class!! The more you use it, the more you can request in the future.
- Corky Fisher: Works at Lexington and has a flier regarding the Kaleidoscope Project – A few classes from Jansen Avenue will participate in the Halloween Party on October 29th. Jodi Frenyea, Mrs. Miller and maybe Mrs. Ackerbauer's class. If he can be of assistance, please let him know.

Next Meeting:

November 4th at 6:30pm in Jansen Avenue School Library