

PTO Meeting Notes

January 14, 2009

Attendees: Colleen Morrissey, Melinda Nies, Gena Rider Shilpa Pherwani, Rose Martin, Sue Tretter, Karen Kazanjian-Sylvia, Laurie Eck

Enrichment

Finalized budget by Amy Revene discussed and presented to the PTO Officers on the evening of January 13th. The budget was discussed in detail and approved by all. The 2008-2009 finalized budget to be presented to Margie by Colleen Morrissey.

- **Rainforest Reptiles** contacted by Colleen Morrissey. We voted yes for this program to be presented in conjunction with the Ice Cream Social. Colleen will speak with Teachers/Margie for approval. This organization will bring several small reptiles – alligator, bugs, etc for an educational overview and interactive session.
- **Smart songs** –Due to availability, this event may not be booked. Colleen Morrissey still working on dates and availability.
- **Jazz Concert** to be discussed as a possible winter event. Cost and timing are being researched. Colleen is working out the details to see if this is viable.
- **Pumpnickel Puppets**- Gena Rider contacting the organization today. Hoping to schedule with approval from Margie and agreement with preschool teachers for the month of February.
- **Health and Wellness Day** – Shilpa is spearheading exciting event. We plan to have a group of approximately 5 parent/doctors to present a Health and Wellness-Fun Facts about our Bodies with interactive stations for learning. This event will be for LE and UE.
- **Square One Art**-. Mrs. Donaldson will be working with the Kindergarten, LE and UE to prepare their work. It was decided that the Preschool children will be given the opportunity to create their art as home, if they wish to do so. Karen Kazanjian-Sylvia will create a template for convenience for parents if they wish to submit artwork and purchase items. Artwork must be submitted to Square One before February 12th. Karen will prepare the text for NewsNotes. The goal is to have the products available for Mother's Day/Father's Day Sales.

GENERAL

- **Ice Cream Social** – Sue Tretter working on dates and details. Tentative date of April 5th is in the works. We all agreed that Rainforest Reptiles would be a good

fit for this event. We will consider a silent auction only for this event; however we have contracted with C/Market - a website that hosts auctions where people outside of our school community can bid on our items. Gena will contact Stephanie Eco to see if she could help with the C- market aspect. Gena also working with Sue on an idea for the 1000 Cube – Bead sales. More to come.

- **PTO Newsletter** - Shilpa will begin putting together a template for an end of the year newsletter to share information with our parents.
- **Meeting Minutes**- we considered the idea of sharing our meeting minutes via email with the parents who signed up originally for PTO involvement. Our minutes are listed on our PTO website; however, we are hoping that more people may become interested in helping if we share the information through email. Gena will send this email.
- **Evening PTO Meetings**- Due to some interest in the school community, we are planning to have our next PTO Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30pm in the PTO room at the Shrewsbury Campus. Gena will provide announcement for Newsnotes for Monday January 26th, two weeks prior to the meeting and again on February 9th.

NEXT MEETING Scheduled for February 10th – 6:30pm- SMS PTO room