

PTO Meeting Notes

February 11, 2009

Attendees: Colleen Morrissey, Melinda Nies, Gena Rider Shilpa Pherwani, Sue Tretter, Karen Kazanjian-Sylvia, Laurie Eck, Heidi Shah, Stephanie Eco, Rose Pavlov, Julie Deneen

Enrichment

Finalized budget by Amy Revene discussed and presented to the PTO Officers and members to be brought to the Board by Margie. We will be using the 3 year plan based on Curriculum planning. The 2008-2009 finalized budget to be presented to Margie by Colleen Morrissey and Amy Revene. Adding World Culture day to budget as PTO funded. Auburn Playground equipment added to budget, once approved by the board, to be purchased.

- **Rainforest Reptiles** – Approved for the Ice Cream Social. PTO to fund this wonderful interactive show for entertainment during the Ice Cream Social.
- **Jazz Concert** to be discussed as a possible spring (Mid May) Event. Cost is \$1800 and we would require a location for the show. This group would come to the school and teach students during music class with Mrs. Melehov some basic rhythms, ski, beat box etc. Colleen is working out the details to see if this is viable. We are considering this as an End of Year Celebration for parents and children to attend... with children performing as well.
- **Pumpnickel Puppets**- Puppet Shows have been scheduled for February 24th in Auburn, 2 shows 11:30am and 12:30am. Two shows have been scheduled for Shrewsbury on March 6th at 9:30 and 10:15am. Gena Rider has coordinated with teachers, Margie and Puppet Show.
- **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. Margie will speak with Teachers for a possible date of April 9 12-2pm.
- **Square One Art**-. Karen Karajan-Silva sending Artwork to Square-One on Friday, February 13th. Upon return from Vacation she will prepare items to be sent home for parent purchases. Heidi Shah has agreed to work with Karen to learn the process from beginning to end so that she takeover the position when Karen is not here, next year. Thank you Heidi.
- **Art Group** – Discussing the possibility of a Crafts Club to take place one time per month. Melinda Nies spearheading with Stephanie Eco to vet out details.

- **Gardening Group** - Colleen and Melinda working out details for possible planting with Children in schoolyard.

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- **Ice Cream Social** – Sue Tretter and Julie Deneen working on dates and details with help from Laurie Eck and Gena Rider. The date of April 5th has been set from 1-3:30pm at the Oak Middle School Cafeteria. Rainforest Reptiles will be the entertainment and will be funded by the PT. We are planning only a silent auction event; but we have contracted with C/Market - a website that hosts auctions where people outside of our school community can bid on our items. Stephanie Eco has been working on the C- market aspect and doing a great job. We will announce details in newsnotes as we get closer. The C Market aspect will go live on March 14th. The Powell-Hanson family will be sponsoring and donating the Ice Cream for this event once again! Great news. We are still soliciting families to donate vacation homes, Sporting Event Tickets and raffle items. We are planning to Elite alumni. We will need volunteers for this event. Newsnotes will have requests for both.
- **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**- this evening meeting was a success. We had two new members joining us. We will plan to have our April Meeting in the Evening as well.

NEXT MEETING Scheduled for March 11th – 8:30am- SMS PTO room

APRIL MEETING Scheduled for Tuesday EVENING 6:30pm- 7:30pm in the All Purpose Room at SMS.