

PTO Meeting Notes

December 10, 2008

Attendees: Colleen Morrissey; Gena Rider; Amy Revene, Catherina Latz, Vivien Luo, Rose Martin, Sue Tretter, Julie Deneen, Karen Kazanjian

Enrichment

Our PTO goal is to fund one Event for each grade level prior to the end of December of 2008. Overview of Budget with Amy – A Special meeting to be held on Thursday, December 18th for officers for finalization of funds and final decision on PTO Funded Enrichment to be implement going forward.

- **Rainforest Reptiles** contacted by Colleen Morrissey. We voted yes for this event. 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. Three sessions are planned to be booked.
- **Smart songs** –Due to availability, this event may not be booked. Colleen Morrissey will have an update at next meeting.
- **Jazz Concert** to be discussed as a possible winter event. Cost and timing are being researched. We will discuss once details are in order
- **Pumpnickel Puppets-** to be contacted by Gena Rider for details. Hoping to schedule with approval from Margie and Agreement with Preschool teachers for the month of February.
- **Circus Smircus** is an organization that teaches, usually in a 2 week course, skills in balance, juggling, etc. we discussed perhaps it could be an offering at the end of the school year for a ‘camp’ type arrangement , not PTO sponsored but parent funded. We will discuss further. Catherina Latz will be looking into this group for us.- UPDATE: Research still being worked out for possible Summer Camp to be made available for children shortly after end of school year.
- **Human Body Day** - It was brought up by Laurie Eck that we might be able to have a visit from her husband, Jason, who is an Orthopedic Spine surgeon, for an overview of the body’s bones. We expanded the entire idea to open up our connections to coordinate with the many Doctors we are affiliated with to combine efforts and support a Human Body Day for all grade levels. We are shooting for February for this event, and will continue to research availability and interest. UPDATE- we are still hoping to pull this together for the first part of the year. Discussion at next meeting.
- **Spring Musical** – Bancroft School is the only available Musical appropriate for our children at this time. It was unanimously decided that the timing of the show

and transportation arrangements would not allow for this event to take place this year. Keeping in mind for 2009-2010.

- **Square One Art-** Thank you to Karen Kazanjian for the update and information regarding plans for the Square One Art Program, we decided as a group that as in the past Mrs. Donaldson will help the LE and UE and guide the artwork. We will approach Margie for approval to ask Mrs. Donaldson if she would also assist the Kindergarten children with this program, since she is now providing classes to them on a weekly basis. Colleen will speak with Margie for approval. It was decided that the Preschool children will be given the opportunity to create their Art at home, if they wish to do so. Karen K 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 Vacation. The goal is to have the products available for Mother's day Sales. Last year we earned \$947.
- **Ice Cream Social** – Date to be determined. Looking at the early part of April. Sue Tretter and Julie Deneen working out details.

Community Service

- **Friendly House-** Donations have been coming in steadily for gently used household items. These will be collected in the office and delivered directly to Friendly House. Also, Tracy Joyce will work with the Girl Scouts to lead the Toy Collections for the Holiday Party also in December. This will be new toys to be sent along as gifts for the party. Colleen and Melinda will be organizing the delivery of items during the week of December 15th. Announcement will be in NewsNotes requesting volunteers for Set up, Decorations, hosting and clean up during the Friendly House Holiday Party on December 20th.

Officers Meeting scheduled for December 18, 2008

NEXT MEETING Scheduled for January 14, 2009