

PTO BOARD MEETING

2006-2007

March 6, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Christine Bruner, Cynthia Verbinski, Jan Romenesko, Denise Rouse, Heidi Schmeling, Debbie Owen, Mary Gerak, Sue Padula, Jonna Calamari, Karen Poglitsch, Vicki Perille, Lori Miller, Barb Strauss, Karen Brda, Joanne Dalesandro, Chrissie Mena, Thelma Condon

Guests: Helen Sheyka, Mary Herman, Brian Battle

Teacher Representative: Anita Roche

Principal: Craig Winkelman

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Denise introduced Brian Battle and Mary Herman. They presented information on the upcoming referendums. The first one addresses the purchase of the Health World Building. It will replace the 49 year old Woodland Building as a more centrally located early childhood center. In the future it could also house the administrative offices and include meeting facilities. The second referendum is to fund a new stadium at the high school. Mary also informed us that the middle school will be getting mobile classrooms, more teachers and a new roof for the upcoming school year. She also assured us that the next focus will be on coming up with the long term solution for the middle schools.

Next, two individuals with the 220 special voices group spoke to us about what we can do to help get the vote out on April 17.

After the above presentations, Denise Rouse called the board meeting to order.

After discussing corrections to the amounts that were approved for LCD projectors, Chrissie Mean moved to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mary Gerak and passed by acclamation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Jonna presented the Profit & Loss Budget versus Actual Report through March 5th, 2007. Jonna also presented a financial forecast calculating how much surplus we will have available for wish list items. The forecast assumed all expense categories would be fully utilized. This resulted in a short fall of approximately \$1,500. However, not all categories are expected to be fully utilized. In addition, this shortfall includes a carryover balance of \$14,000 for next year. Chrissie Mena made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Vicki Perille seconded the motion which passed by acclamation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Denise announced that a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is being offered to Barrington Area residents. The training will be offered March 9th through the 11th. Anyone interested should contact Dan Link, 847-382-8220 or John Meier 847-304-1997.

Denise also made a special thank you to all those who stepped up to help supply snacks for the staff during conferences March 7th and 8th. She used the volunteer lists which were created at the beginning of the year. She had more than enough responses.

Denise also noted that there were ink cartridge recycle envelopes available. All you need to do is mail them in and our school will get credit for them.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Craig announced that the online alpha website is going to be expanded in the future. The plan is to make it easier to communicate directly with your student's teachers from this site. They are also piloting the use of the mygradebook.com system. They are working to make it possible to go from the alpha system directly to the mygradebook.com system so you can actually keep track of how your student is doing in a given class.

Craig also announced that ISAT testing will start next week and will be done by spring break. He reported that Station students averaged over 90% in all categories last year. Also, no child fell into the lowest category for reading.

Craig reported that the LCD projectors that were approved at our last meeting are scheduled to be installed over spring break.

STAFF REPORT

Anita Roche reported that the read aloud of Zach's Lie has been completed. The students really seemed to enjoy the book. Many have come to the library to get the sequel. However, it is currently not available since it is the summer reading book. She negotiated with the publisher to get the sequel, Jack's Run, for just \$2.95.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No Stress Fundraiser

The No Stress Fundraiser Committee reported that they have collected \$21,700. This is over the goal of \$20,000. However, they are still taking checks.

Student Social

The Gameworks outing will be Thursday, March 8th from 3:30- 7p.m. Over 200 students have signed up for this event.

The 7th grade social was held March 2nd. Everything went according to plan and many students attended this event.

Newsletter

Cynthia reminded everyone to turn in their articles today for the next newsletter.

Nominating

Lori Miller presented the proposed slate. The only positions open at this time are President, Eighth Grade Year End, Publicity, Ski Club and Student Social (7th grade). The slate will be published in the newsletter and approved at the May General meeting. If you know anyone who may be interested in one of the open positions, please contact Lori Miller or Jennifer Lekai.

Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Committee is finalizing the details of the raffle which will be held later this week. The spring musical, Little Shop of Horrors, will be presented the last weekend in April.

OLD BUSINESS:

Denise announced that Jennifer Blum wanted to let everyone know that students can sign up for the dance class until Friday, the night of the first class. She also wanted to thank the 25 families that contributed extra funds to support students needing financial assistance.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Debbie Owen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia Verbinski seconded the motion. It passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Romenesko
PTO Secretary