

## **PTO MEETING SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**

**Present :** Denise King, Martha Demers, Kim Gallant, Amanda Gravel, Heather Lamphear, Sharon Fortune, Gretchen Casey, Cassie Molleur, Tim Faryniarz.

Motion was made by Cassie to change the meeting start time to 7:00. Seconded by Denise. It passed unanimously.

### **Officer Elections:**

- Heather handed out descriptions of the officers' responsibilities.
- Denise nominated Gretchen to be secretary and Kim seconded. Gretchen accepted.
- Heather nominated Tim to be treasurer and Cassie seconded. Tim accepted.
- Amanda nominated Heather to be president and Kim seconded. Heather accepted.
- Heather nominated Denise to be vice president and Cassie seconded. Denise accepted.

### **News/ Requests from Sharon**

Scarecrow Day will be Monday, October 12.

Localvore lunch will be October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sharon brought up the PTO providing snacks for the NECAP tests given on October 1, 6, 7, and 8. There are 30 students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Suggested snacks were chex mix, cheese (through the Gravels), water. Sharon will put a notice in the newsletter to ask those who are interested in contributing to contact Heather to fill out a snack schedule.

As a reward for the new behavior plan "PAWS" the school would like to take the students to Shelburne Museum on October 16<sup>th</sup> or October 19<sup>th</sup> (rain date). Sharon asked the PTO to pay for the trip. \$5.00 a student = \$255 and bus for \$325, no charge to adults. Heather made a motion to fund the school trip to Shelburne Museum not to exceed \$600. Cassie seconded.

Sharon suggested having the school join "Odyssey of the Mind" this year. There would be no cost, but team leaders are needed.

### **Ski Trips**

There are some funds available, but we need to fundraise for the rest. Denise reported that Lindsay will be putting out a survey to get information on parent interest and to see if anyone is willing to donate toward the cost of the ski program, or donate for someone who can't afford it.

Three ski trips would total \$2500. Since snowboarding is more difficult for the younger student, it would only be offered to students in grades 3-6. Amanda said she would look into ski packages at Smugglers to compare prices.

All chaperones need to have a criminal background check submitted to the OSSU. It requires receiving paperwork from Wendy Gayette at central office and having your fingerprints taken.

## **Budget**

Cassie brought up the concern about the replacement of the mulch on the playground. Sharon will check with Larry Eldred about the plan to make safe the playground. We had a brief discussion about different materials that could be used.

We had a discussion of the importance of using funds for students who are in the school currently rather than carrying money from one year to another.

Heather brought up the need for PTO to compile receipts for purchases made for sixth grade graduation so that members can be reimbursed by Tess.

Sixth grade trip is always chosen by the students. The PTO is interested in supporting the new sixth grade in anyway than can.

Heather made a motion to buy “green” chemicals for the school kitchen. Amanda seconded.

Each teacher is given \$50 a year to spend on classroom materials. Heather made a motion to have this money be available for the current teaching year only. If it is not used it cannot be carried over to the next year. Gretchen seconded.

Denise brought up the possibility of the PTO giving \$209 for more stable soccer goals. It was decided that we could look into the possibility of beefing up what we had before we spend the money.

Cassie made a motion to buy two Woodbury Bears “coach” shirts. Heather seconded.

## **Fundraisers**

The PTO is planning to raise money by making and selling wreaths. Gretchen will contact Jenna Ryan to find out if she is doing a wreath making class this year. We don't want to interfere with the library fundraiser. Wire hangers will be needed. (Gretchen and Denise)

Cassie suggested contacting the Brush family about pumpkins for the pumpkin walk.

Cassie talked about the success of a clothing sale. It will be Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18. \$1 a bag. Cassie will talk to Robin to see if the town hall is free. PTO will ask Tess to announce in the school newsletter, Denise will write signs at the store and town clerk's. (Cassie and Amanda)

Other fundraising ideas were pancake breakfast, pizza takeout night, White Rock “PTO” night, preselling pizzas.

Cassie motioned to use the Genevieve fundraiser to support student activities that are not taxpayer funded. Heather seconded.

PTO snacks cost \$22.73. We have sold \$14.86 as of 9/23.