

## PTO MEETING MINUTES JAN 9, 2012

- **Meeting called to order by PTO President Mary Jo King at 7pm.**
- **Minutes** from November's meeting are attached to agendas to be read. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Michele O'Neill and seconded by Anne Cronk.
- **Treasurer's Report-** Chris Lesher- behind the minutes-expense, income and ending reports. Playground account not in report as the balance did not change at \$1,848.97. CD is due for renewal on Jan 16, 2012. Need to vote to decide if we need the money (cash it out) or to let it continue to gain interest. Right now the balance is \$6,755.42. As of now, PTO does not need that extra money. The big expenses in the spring are for the field trips. Usually, the spring fundraiser covers these amounts. A motion to leave the CD in the account was made by Jen Shinsky and seconded by Michele O'Neill. Motion to accept the report made by Anne Cronk and seconded by Missy Kolnik.

### OLD BUSINESS.

- **Christmas Gifts**-update given by Lisa Lesher-everything went well, children very pleased. Thanks to everyone that helped!!!
- **Market Day**- update by Mary Jo for Pam Andrews. Pickup in January 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 here in the SS Palmer cafeteria. Help will be needed beginning by 6pm to unload the truck and organize orders.
- **Dance**-update by Julie Stroup. Christmas Dance went really well. The children had fun and dismissal went smoothly as well. The next dance will be February 10<sup>th</sup>. Help will be needed from 1:30-3pm for set-up, 3-5 for chaperoning, and 5-5:45 for dismissal and clean-up. Donations of small waters, juices, individually wrapped snacks and baked goods will be needed and PTO points will be awarded.
- **Santa's Workshop**- update given by Lindsey German for Parkside. Everything went really well over at Parkside. Anne Howard handled the workshop at SS Palmer. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to help the students shop, wrap gifts, etc.

### NEW BUSINESS .

- **Book Fair**-update given by Nicki Frank. Bookfair at Parkside is scheduled for the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>. Setup will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> and shopping will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 8<sup>th</sup>. Tear down on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> as of now. Snow days could change everything. The theme for both schools will be a luau. Look for an email to come home soon. Shopping for Palmer will begin Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Jump Rope for Heart**- update given by Mary Jo for Jo Gostonyi. Forms will be going home soon for the fundraiser. Lots of help will be needed at every station in the gym the week of Jump Rope for Heart. Since it is in February, Mr Heller will email volunteers if there is a snow issue on a specific day. Look for information coming home soon. Money is due Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. February 6-10<sup>th</sup> is the week of Jump Rope for heart.
- **Spring Fundraiser**- update given by Brigitte White for Gianni's fundraiser. Pickup for this item will be the week prior to Easter. PTO sells Gianni's desserts, Gertrude Hawk candy, West End pizzas, and Krispy Kreme donuts. Krispy Kreme donut order forms will be coming home separately from the rest of the fundraisers. 2 separate pick-up dates for K-2 and 3-6 for West End Pizzas and Gertrude Hawk candy at the West End Fire Co. Look for this information

- **Kids Bingo-** update given by Anne Cronk. February 19<sup>th</sup> is the date at the Aquashicola Fire co. Children play the bingo as well as the adults. Looking for donations of games, video games, webkinz, dvds, etc. Baskets will be put together with various items. Please provide gift receipts with the video games. If you donate a basket valued at \$25, you get 5 points. Other than that, 1 point is given per donation. We do need donations of small items as well for consolation prizes. Tickets will be on sale soon. Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door. Food will be for sale as well. Michele O'Neill is in charge of the food. Looking for donations of soft pretzels, popcorn, hot dogs, hot dog rolls, baked goods (individually wrapped great), pierogies, etc. Help will be needed that day as well as donations.
- **Basket Social/Bake Sale-**update by Mary Jo-March 25<sup>th</sup> at the high school cafeteria. Baskets are created from items sent in by the children. Each classroom has a themed basket. A basket valued at \$25 will be awarded 5 PTO points, other than that, it is 1 point per donation. More information will come home soon. Michele O'Neill is in charge of the Bake Sale aspect. Again, more information will follow.
- **President's Report-** update given by Mary Jo. One assembly was booked in December which will be in conjunction with Towamensing during Read Across America week. It will get children excited about reading. PTO just received a HUGE check from box tops!! Keep sending them in. In the past, checks are usually \$700-\$800. This check was for \$1,855!!! PTO has over 39,000 points for redemption through Campbell's Soup labels. We will be able to purchase items needed for the school with those points. If you want to help with labels and box tops, work that can be done at home, please contact Kathleen Leister.
- **Principal's Report-** The shirts given as Christmas gifts were a HUGE hit!! The children as well as the staff loved them!! Each child has to have a second dose of varicella by April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Look for a notice to come home from the nurse about this issue. Children have been outside before school prior to 8 am. Doors don't open until 8:15 so try to not have your children there that early especially with the cold winter weather. Also in the newsletter this month, is the borough ordinance regarding drop-off and pick-up in front of SS Palmer. No parking will be allowed in front of the school. Please do not bring your dogs on to school property during drop-off/pick-up due to the danger of pets and allergies of children as well. Mary read an article regarding Facebook profiles affecting college admissions of children. Please supervise your children on the internet.
- **Comments/Questions-**
- **Door Prize Drawings**
- **Meeting was adjourned.**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM IN SS PALMER CAFETERIA.**