

Parent Faculty Group



Working Together to Make a Difference

DRAFT Meeting Minutes April 15th, 2008

Meeting called to order: 6:30pm

Representatives present: Mandi Elmore, Pamela Carr, Joan Ostrowski, Erin Cox-Slosberg, Holley Lenihan, Heather Clark, Barbara Heatherton, Kathy Desmarais, Crystal Buzwell, Carol Pipinias, Paula Cilia

Activity Updates:

- Brentwood Nights

Bowling: Cancelled due to only 8 families signing up. Will try again next winter.

No more nights scheduled for this year

- Box Tops

-Total turned in approx. \$930.00 so far. Continue to publicize and remind people to get them in. Carol is in the process of counting what she has now and will update at the May meeting. Discussion on needing to allot funds gathered next year – decision was made that a specific goal makes sense and will revisit this once enough has been raised for the pottery wheels.

-Volunteer Program Update:

-Teacher Appreciation Luncheon on June 3rd: teachers really enjoy...especially the food. Possibility discussed of giving Staples gift cards individually to each teacher this year in addition to basket raffles. After Heather gets more info on what money is left, decision will be made at next meeting. Volunteer form will go out May 26th. Erin reminded Holley that planning for enough food is imperative since last time we ran short.

- Power of the Penny: May make sense to turn this project over to the teachers as class/community project. Teachers will discuss further and let us know at the May meeting what their feelings are on this potential project. All present agreed no final decision has to be made until the Fall.
- Art Raffle May 19-21. Per teachers and upon further discussion, new idea/concept must be used next year. Possibly silent auction of class or year baskets. Example, 1st grade classes get together and make a "beach fun" basket to auction off. Will be talked about more in the Fall. PFG and Teachers to keep communication open and ideas flowing in regards to this topic. PFG concern about asking parents for more contributions in addition to yearly fundraisers.

-Publicity:

- Blurb will go in Brentwood Newsletter about Rebekah Elmore's organization talk in May.
- Schoolpop.com link will go on PFG website.
- Next year Pam will handle PFG brochure and newsletter if need be.

-Parent Education Series:

- Rebekah Elmore, owner of Simple Solutions For You will speak on May 20th . Mandi/Joan will change blurb to take out advertising/marketing copy. Mandi will post on bulletin board. All Board members should publicize with people they know. Due to next meeting being the same night as the Book Fair, PFG will be in Gym. Mandi will find out what Rebekah needs for equipment and let Joan know.

-Treasurers Update (Heather):

- Consensus was to keep \$7100.00 budget for next year, but still waiting for actual dollar figure on bin for playground.
- Final vote on budget on May 20th.

-New Business:

- All Board member positions open. Awaiting nominations. Vote will be on May 20th.
- Mandi and Holley both had parents who were interested. Both will follow up and let Erin know via email.
- Fundraising for next year: Genevieve, Game Night and Grocery Bags with PFG name on it. More info to come via email from Erin on Grocery Bags. Further discussion at May meeting.
- Note cards fundraiser will be done differently next year. Mrs. Buzwell will have the students do the artwork during school (including Kindergarten) and then they will be sent home so parents can see it and decide what they want to order. Other kits will be available for siblings who do not attend Swasey.

- Phonebooks: Joan will look into getting spreadsheet available from info already in school database to help with accumulating names/etc. for phonebook. May save a lot to time and energy. Holley will remind Joan for that info.
- June 10th meeting? Where? Ideas shared at May meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25pm