

10/28/09 Meeting Minutes

Dudley PTA –General Meeting

Meeting Date: October 28, 2009 Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Facilitator: Jennifer Pellittiere Scribe: Jennifer Michaud
Location: Dudley TITR

In attendance: Jennifer Pellittiere, Jennifer Michaud, Lucas Hiley, Ann Poelma, Ellen Lichner, Mary Peterson, Randy Shepard, Gretchen Hicks, Erin Lansdowne, Ellen Dockum, Lisa Szczepanik, Kelly Giambrone,

7:00 Meeting called to order

7:01 Quorum established

7:02 September 2009 Meeting Minutes distributed

- Lucas Hiley made a motion to approve minutes; second by Randy Shepard; all voted to approve

7:05 Treasurer's Report

- Randy provided Financial Report information as of 10/27/09

7:12 Principal's Report (Lucas Hiley)

The two recent half days enabled the teachers and staff to participate in learning workshops for Guided Reading and Math; non-teaching departments were also able to get together. Thanks to parents for accommodating the change in schedule.

H1N1 update—70-100 students are out per day with flu-like symptoms; Karen and Lucas will keep staff, students, and parents updated as necessary.

Construction update—waiting on the front interior doors and windows, as well as painting

Balanced Literacy night—scheduled for 11/19, this is an opportunity for parents to experience some classroom balanced reading activities. Communications with more details will go out when childcare and refreshments have been finalized.

Thanks for starting the School Beautification Committee; looking forward to activities from this committee

Thanks to teachers, students, and parents for their support and participation in Red Ribbon Week activities

Safety Week drills were successful and helped identify areas for improvement

The classes look forward to the Classroom Spotlight and being featured in the e-newsletter

Plans are underway for a Student Council; it will be comprised of 2 members from each 2nd grade class. Children were advised what Student Council is and those interested in being on the Council were asked to submit a reason why they wanted to be on Student Council. There were 70 responses received. The responses for each classroom have been typed and will be displayed anonymously in their respective classrooms for the children to vote.

As mentioned in E-News, the library is in need of a set of steady volunteers to restock books in the Book Room.

Author Ted Arnold will be here next week

7:20 Teacher's Report



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Julie DeLorenzo reported that the 1st graders have settled in with the classroom routines and expectations

In order to effectively support new teaching methods and programs, teachers are in need of supplies to help offset the teachers' expenses. A request was made for funds for teachers to buy supplies.

7:25 President's Report

- A. Balanced Literacy Parent Night 11/19 6:30
 - a. Refreshments—Randy will check on the budget
 - b. Childcare—the PTA cannot pay for childcare but can advertise that it is available
 - c. PTA Table—to be set up

7:30 Old Business

- A. Filled Positions –
 - a. Book Fair - Michelle Mehalick & Kelly Giambrone
 - b. Red Ribbon Week – Jennifer Michaud & Gretchen Hicks
 - c. Family Nights – Kim Salero & Tricia Cicero
- B. Open Positions-
 - a. Square One Art
 - b. Director of Fundraising

7:35 Committee Reports

- A. Membership – Kelly Giambrone
 - a. There are approximately 234 members (staff and parents)
- B. School Beautification – Karen Suiter
 - a. Planting date TBD; need to meet with Paul (grounds); would like to get classes involved
- C. Kathryn Beich – Michelle Mehalick & Amy Provenzo
- D. Spirit Wear – Erin Lansdowne
 - a. Erin showed samples of the Spiritwear. They will be on display outside the Main Office.
 - b. For \$.50 extra per order, Casual Friday will package each order.
 - c. Julie Delorenzo provided a sample order form from another school which we will use as a guideline. The order form will show the sizes, colors, logos, and prices available for each item. Order forms will go out on 11/6.
 - d. A request was made to also include “Dudley” logo as an option.
 - e. A request was made to offer water bottles.

By signing the contract for School Supply kits earlier this year, we received an 8% discount.

7:45 New Business

- A. Wish List Items
- B. Cultural Arts Financial Support



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- a. Lucas requested \$150 from the Special Request Budget Line for a play at Nazareth. Motion made and all voted in favor.

7:49 Announcements

- Lisa Szczepanik informed the group that \$319.50 in Box Tops had been received. She requested a box for the Box Tops collection. She will submit receipts for the purchase.
- Picture retake date is 11/2
- READ program is seeking volunteers; contact is Ellen McNinn
- Newsletter articles are due 11/13

7:50 Crisis Kits Presentation – Ellen Lechner & Ann Poelma

- Ellen and Ann thanked the PTA for their support of this program. It is a book kit sent home for children who have experienced some type of loss in their family or friends. Some of the items are to be returned to the library; one is for the child/family to keep and includes an inscription “In Memory of ____”
- They also advised of a Children’s Book Festival at MCC on 11/7

- Next meeting is 12/16 at 7:00 in TITR

8:00 Adjournment



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