

PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. / Art Room

Attendees: Susan Astone, Joan Ford, Becky Icken, Barbara Mozzicato, Jess Inglis & Jaime Fraser

Discussions:

Fall Marketplace. Very well done and very well organized. Still waiting on some expenses (pizza, coffee, etc.) expected return for the school \$4,500.00 +/-.

Musical Performances. Changes in school musical performances. 3rd Grade performance 11/16 - Thanksgiving theme. 2nd Grade - Spring or Memorial Day time-frame. Change allows more seating for students and parents by dividing the performances.

Principal's Blog is now up on the website.

Operational/Facility Related: Back door buzzer is now operational and includes a camera.

Enrichment Programs: Research in process and need to formalize the process for these programs. Mrs. Astone also discussed the video viewing policy and mentioned that it needs to be clarified and formalized.

RTI: Reacting to changes and feedback. Reporting and upcoming conference issues / comments from teachers without having taught the children / no conference with "reading teacher". Also discussed the possibility of changing the conference month – November too early in the school year? Results of DORA/2nd DRA scores. How does DORA relate to DRA? Waiting for next round of testing for comparison of results. DRA/Spring '09/DORA Fall '09/DRA before First Term report cards and DORA January 2010.

Lavender Fundraiser: \$5,100.00 (about the same of last year), very successful fundraiser for the school. Go with Lavender for another year or choose another vendor?

Spirit Wear: Couple of items backordered, so it has not been delivered as of this date. \$400.00 +/- made from this fundraiser

Scrip: 12/1/09 deadline for orders; delivery 12/16.

Uno's Doughraiser: Sunday, 12/6 and Monday, 12/7 (no school/Professional Development Day). 20% of proceeds (less alcohol & tip) go to school. Need to post on PTO website.

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Lowell Devils: Discussed the possibility of the 4th or 5th grade chorus performing at the Lowell Devils in February. Would need to involve music teachers, however, but it is not part of their curriculum, so it would be an extra effort on their part.

Stop & Shop A+ Program: Effort needs to be promoted to Francis Wyman families. There is a similar program at Shaw's, which application is currently pending approval.

Additional Fundraising Opportunities: Also discussed the possibility of hosting an auction to benefit the school geared more toward parents in a silent auction format. Need to look into the logistics of hosting this type of event/fundraiser. Another potential fundraising idea - a used Halloween costume sale. Costumes to be donated and all proceeds from the sale of the costumes would go to the school. To be held potentially mid-September 2010 as the first fundraiser of the new school year.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.