

PTA Board Meeting

Aug 13, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. Present: Anne Gardner, Kristen Dabelko, Principal Seidel, Beth Novick, Susan Breon, Joan Whelan

(Next PTA meeting Tues., Sept 2, 7 p.m.)

1. Welcome back events:
 - a. Breakfast: covered
 - b. Lunch for staff: Not covered yet. Anne will not be here. Fallback if no one signs up: call Generous Joe's to bring sandwiches. Kirsten suggests try another e-mail call for support. Joan suggests a need for list of parents avail day hours. Who is willing to shop daytime hours. Joan can shop. Michael can shop for the lunch food. Kirsten suggests price comparisons between Joe's and Grocery. Will need more than \$360 for previous TA event. Seidel suggests still e-mailing to parents for sides. School can make the callout to parents as well. This call could be sent out at end of previous year.
 - c. Goodie bags – Having obtained a coffee maker in teacher's lounge. Goodie bags will consist of mugs with teacher's last names painted on them. Pam Bernier painted half of them, and Ann Potter took the remaining. Bags will be placed possibly Thursday, in alpha order, by Anne.
 - d. Pre-Kinder + Kinder orient Thurs. At 1 p.m. beginning in multi-purpose room, then to rooms. Anne will speak and staff the PTA table; also, she will send e-mail call for extra presence. Will charge \$10 for shirts. Kirsten is back-up for table and will provide member forms. Principal emphasizes attracting new parents with this event. More presence at table is better!
2. Flyers for **1st week**. *Monday folders this year instead of Fri folders!* Kids who return folders. Forms on Tues. get positive points! New student-run 'store' will accept points for merchandise.
 - a. Member form must say cash only—Kirsten will implement this change on form.
 - b. Fingerprinting starts at 5:30, Sept. 2 prior to meeting. MEMBER RECRUITMENT DISCUSSION: 1. Principal suggests PTA have face time on broadcast at back-to-school night. 2. Kirsten will look for specific teacher member forms. 3. Beth suggests public billboard that counts # of teachers/ parents who join PTA. 4. Principal suggests goal of 100%

participation—treat can be offered for 100% teacher, or 100% class membership. Anne will look into this.

- c. Weekly reader: old form says \$4.50, but is now \$5—flyer sent home, free homework pass in return. CHANGE: *“Positive points” distributed instead of passes for this year.*

Parade: vehicle (convertible preferable) still needed to carry books; Beth offers truck, Amy Hanson offers her hybrid; Ms. Seidel suggests Capital Cadillac should offer car. She will ask.

Monday the 25th folder stuffing needs volunteers: 10 – 2 pm, tentative.

3. 1st pta meeting agenda needs to add Boy Scout presenter. Also add topic of funding picnic tables. Ms. Seidel will obtain price. Perhaps 2 this year and 2 next?
4. Labor day book sale. Susan will be away and will not be able to collect money (Kirsten is other signer for acct., but we only need someone to drop money at bank). Past presidents help? Deposits need to be dropped off frequently during busy weekend. Anne e-mailed Jim Heagy to lead the project. Joan is available to help.
5. Beginning of year
 - a. Back to school night. Need volunteers for table. Anne will send e-mail. Discussion of how to increase/ motivate family PTA participation. Kirsten suggested model where each member family is seen as a “star family,” earning stars for a certain quantity of projects completed.
 - b. Walk to school day, Oct. 3 – Kirsten is logistical coordinator
 - c. Chuck- E Cheese – Oct. 16th will ask for volunteers at meeting for this and other fundraisers
 - f. Reflections Program: Anne tentatively asked Ann Potter – Beth would like to see tie in between this and community center arts programming (Nicole DeWald, manager of arts program), Barbara Davis suggested as good working contact.
 - g. Room parent: Kirsten suggests a benefit for this person to be tied in to pta, a distributor of information, a helper to PTA. Ms. Seidel suggests phone tree management, possibly facilitated by room parent. Beth: anything on school form to sign up for room parent? This is already on

PTA form, but in past was not followed through. Seidel will generate info sheet possibly to be placed in each room.

- h. Fundraisers, many reminders for upcoming meeting. A second boxtop collector needs to be committed ; amazon orders can be placed through pta webpage!
- i. Nominating: Amy's project last year; need tool to gather info on teachers applying for grants, or who are candidates for nominations.

6. funding request:

a. first in math licenses: 200 people @ \$6 each.

b. Stuffed Greyhound: School mascot for Display case to kick off behavioral modification program; 2 components of recognition of students' good choices: one is keeping track in the display case of the dog "bones" earned by a given class, 10 = a class certificate for extra recess; Ms. Case said the case should be designed to get attention, and it will consist of a stuffed dog, a dog dish and dog house. This is a "positive points" program, where the kids can "run with the big dogs" and be excited about the new initiative. The \$50 request incl shipping; Anne: can we choose discretionary money to fund this before the technical beginning of school year budget?. Susan says yes. Beth will pay and request pta to reimburse, to have for back-to-school night. Board agrees. Anne will e-mail request form to Beth.

Final topics:

A full agenda for the upcoming PTA meeting will require Anne to rally through the many action points, possibly tabling discussion of them.

Spaghetti dinner: Anne is not avail. to work this event!

Amy Hanson is leading book fair; Karen Yoho agreed to assist.

Beth suggests having a 'book/ reading night' to complement math/ science and replace TAG night. She can work with Liz Murray ace reading coordinator on this. TAG night moves to another date in Feb.

Every staff group has appreciation event designed for them. PTA is committed to appreciate all groups.

National PTA sends e-mails to members; would this happen with our members if we send info to pta?