

PTA Meeting September 4, 2009

Emy Adams called meeting to order at 7:03pm

PTA Board and the attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes from June were reviewed:

There were 2 changes to make note of: (1) In Jill's report, it should read T & L (teacher and learning) rather than TLT, and (2) In the treasurer's report, the reimbursement for the 4 teachers retiring was bumped up to \$200.00 because of there being 4 teachers as opposed to 3.

Jill's report:

Jill commented on the many new children and teachers in Dondero this year, (61 Kindergarteners, and 9 new staff members in various departments) and the fact that 4 staff members are newlyweds.

She made a request that the PTA send cards to Dave Cook (janitor) who's retiring and Ellen Walker (para) who will be out for a while due to having surgery.

Jill thanked Tamara Lebowitz and Molly French with the Student Leadership Team for doing a great job with the Watermelon Welcome and recommended we send a Thank You card and some photos to Hannaford; she also thanked Tanja Gravelle for heading the Kick Up Your Heels Coffee.

Some bits of information:

Wednesday packets will be paper for the first 2 weeks then we're going green!

We had our first fire drill today and reviewed how we recycle.

Once per month school will have a delayed opening (10:45am). They will fall on the third Wednesday of every month. We are currently working on child care for the 2 hours prior.

School pictures will take place on Friday, Sept. 18

Open House will be 3 nights this year from 7-8pm: Wed. Sept. 23 Grades 4 & 5

Mon. Sept. 28 Grades K & 1

Wed. Sept. 30 Grades 2 & 3

Open House will be piggy backed by mini sessions presented by other teachers (music, art, guidance, etc.) to answer any questions for parents. There will be NO child care available.

NECAP is coming up for Grades 3, 4, and 5

Safe Routes to School will be meeting Oct. 7 at 7pm. They'll be discussing new bike racks and bike lanes coming to Elwyn Park. Chris Casa added the fact that there are no Dondero volunteers to represent us. **We need volunteers!** Stephanie (last name?) said she was interested.

Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. School will be in session and a bake sale will be held.

Jill also addressed the safety of children during pick up time in the circle. People need to stay off cell phones, no car idling, and to just keep aware. Kids who bike, skateboard or use scooters need to stay on sidewalks and pick them up once they get on

the sidewalk at school. Dyann also made the request we enforce helmet wearing. Jill will put a notice out. If parents can't afford one, one will be provided.

Parents need to sign in and wear badges when entering the school.

H1N1 Virus: We're at Level 1, which means we are a clean school! The 3 lines of defense we're teaching our children are (1) wash hands, (2) cough in elbow, and (3) get vaccinated. If a child has a fever, keep them home for 24 hours! They should be fever free (without the use of medications) for 24 hours. Any questions, please contact Cindy Hart the school nurse.

School starts at 8:45am. Children will be tardy at 8:55am. The crossing guard will be here. Speaking of the crossing guard.....What time is the crossing guard supposed to be here and for how long??? Parents have found it to be inconsistent. Jill will find out.

Emy's Report:

Emy gave a power point presentation on NHPTA organization and it's goals (included in the minutes.)

Treasurer's Report:

PTA has received many Thank You's for scholarships we've given.

Requested that committee's have a better break down of costs so we truly see where each dollar goes how well it works for that particular event.

Fundraising:

Thus far, no has volunteered to head Innisbrook and it's our top fundraiser. Another option would be Pizza (Joe Corbi). Christine Groleau and Chris Casa said they'd head the pizza sales. It starts on October.

Ice Cream Social is run by Marcy Baer. Wednesday, Sept. 17th at 5:30-7:30pm will be the first one. There will be a sign up sheet for volunteers. She needs volunteers to start scooping at 1:30pm. The ice cream is from the ice house (chocolate and vanilla.) Items she needs will be asked for by classroom donations. There will be an Ice Cream Social in the spring as well.

Other important topics:

School directory: offering advertisements for businesses, \$30 ½ page and \$50 for a full page.

Kevin Jordon is the coordinator for classroom parents with the help of Linda Beal.

Volunteer coordinator is needed. Tamara Lebowitz has done it in the past.

PEP (Portsmouth Enrichment Program) is not a PTA run program. Jen Belle has run it in the past. We are in desperate need of a coordinator for this program or it will be lost. Jill said she'd put the word out there with staff members too. Jen explained a bit about the program and how it's run. She offered to answer any questions and hand over her contacts to the person who steps up.

Barn Dance: Will be held Thur. Oct. 22nd at 5:30-7:30pm in the gym. Tanya Gravelle will chair this event with the help of Petra. Mariah Shephard will teach kids steps in her classes. Some ideas were hashed out for the event.

Sheri Whitworth made a motion we create a new event (Barn Dance) not to exceed \$500 in the budget pending the rates of the Fiddler and Caller. Chris Casa seconded.

Sheri W. talked briefly about movie night. The cost would be \$375/year (unlimited), we can ask for donations and do raffles and it can be rescheduled for inclement weather or technical difficulties, (can not show 21st Century movies.) Child care is questionable.

Tanja Gravelle expressed feeling like we're doing many different fundraisers and thought maybe we need to talk about cutting some and focusing on others.

Chris Casa made a motion to accept 1 year of movie nights. Christine Grouleau seconded. Added to October agenda.

Emy moved to adjourn the meeting and Julie seconded.

Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm.