



# Tolland Middle School PTO

## TOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MINUTES October 20, 2009

Cheryl Mathieu called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The Secretary's report for September 8, 2009 was approved. Marlene Lindquist made a 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Renee Piazza made a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

**Principal's Report:** Dr. Willett reported that report cards will be coming home soon, there will be an alert now message to announce this. The teachers are receiving training in report cards on the new system. There will be a late start on October 26<sup>th</sup>; school starts at 9:30. Dr. Willett also reported that there would be a Principal's Breakfast on 11-04-09. Dr. Willett stated that there will be a Pumpkin or Harvest Festival on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7:30 and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade dance from 7:30 – 9:00. This will be a community event to draw the community into the school. There will be a Reptile show, Robot, and the TMS Band will play. Dr. Willett announced that the Barnes and Noble Fundraiser Night would be December 3<sup>rd</sup>. TMS will receive credit for book sales. Dr. Willett reported that the Falcon News will have a different format this year. It will be printed by THS students. Lastly, Dr. Willett reported that the budget season has begun.

**Teacher Representative Report:** Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Cohen had questions about Department money and Curriculum money. It was noted that they must fill out a form, which must be approved by Dr. Willett, then submitted to the PTO.

**Treasurer's Report** – Carolyn Ward reported an ending balance of \$51,213.59 and the funds raise to date for 2010/2011 were \$736.55.

**Committee Report** – Marlene Lindquist reported that membership for the PTO so far was 67 and for teachers and staff 32. This is down from last year.

### Old Business:

- **A. Fall Fundraiser:** Stephanie Howard reported that the fundraiser sales from Otis Spunkmeyer cookies were \$14,300 and our profit is 40%. We did not make as much money as last year so it was discussed that we should do a magazine booklet to generate more funds. A 1<sup>st</sup> motion was made by Cheryl Mathieu and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Marlene Lindquist to try and get a magazine/wrapping fundraiser if time would allow. A 1<sup>st</sup> motion was made by Kelly Nick and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Kim Mulkin to do a magazine only booklet if the magazine/wrapping fundraiser did not work out.
- **B. TMS Spiritwear:** Kelly Nick reported that we had 40 orders totaling \$754, which will give us a profit of \$88.00. There will be one more order before Christmas.
- **C. Pumpkin Festival:** No report.
- **D. Scrapbook Event:** No report.
- **E. PTO Wish List Update:** No report.
- **F. Cider Mill Road Race Update:** Marlene Lindquist reported that the event raised over \$15,000. A big thank you to all who volunteered, sent in donations, and those who participated in the race.
- **G. Fall Book Fair:** The event will be held November 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a change wars contest; the class that collects the most money will win books.
- **H. Falcon News Sponsorship Update:** Cheryl Mathieu reported that we have commitments from several sponsors and are hoping to break even in the printing costs.

### **New Business:**

- **A. Possible Fundraiser- Coldwater Creek Fashion Show:** Cheryl Mathieu reported that she was trying to get a kids store to join in on the fashion show. It was felt that if we don't get the kids store we wouldn't have enough interest.
- **B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Fundraiser option:** Discussed under fall fundraiser above.
- **C. Current Teacher Requests:** Roberta Gavin- \$750.00 for Student Assistance -for students to attend field trips. A 1<sup>st</sup> motion was made by Elin Houseworth and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made by Kelly Nick. Roberta Gavin- \$200.00 for lunch. If students can't afford lunch they can go to the office to get food. A 1<sup>st</sup> motion was made by Marlene Lindquist and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made by Renee Piazza. Stephanie Cassidy - Grade 6- \$2,610.00 for Field trip to The Connecticut Science Center. A 1<sup>st</sup> motion was made by Kim Mulkin and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made by Kelly Nick. Janice Bouley – Guidance- \$470.51 for Tables for Career Day. Purchasing 6 8-foot tables instead of renting them. A 1<sup>st</sup> motion was made by Stephanie Howard and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion was made by Renee Piazza. Jane Hoffman- Hiking Club- \$100.00 for bus transportation. A 1<sup>st</sup> motion was made by Elin Houseworth and a 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Stephanie Howard. Stephanie Cassidy – Grade 6- Time for Kids magazine \$5.11 x 270 students = \$1,379.70. This request was denied because we do not have the funds to do this for all grades.

The PTO would like to recognize Yogesh Yagnik, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student who found \$10.00 in the hall. He turned in the \$10.00 to Mr. Spangle, who told him that if no one claimed the money, the money would be given back to him. When Yogesh was called down to the office to get the money that no one claimed, he thanked Mrs. Misiura and gave the money back to her. He said that he and his father has discussed it, and if the money was returned to him he would like to donate it to the PTO to help some student or cause that needed it. What a wonderful thing Yogesh did!

### **Correspondence:**

- Thank you note from Linda Binheimer for the continuing support, the luncheons, breakfasts and all the special extras.
- Thank you note from Lucietia Fanning for the generous gift; it was fun to splurge on her students.
- Thank you note from Kristy Bowman for the generous donation of books to the library from the Spring Book Fair. She would like to extend her appreciation to Julie and all of the volunteers.
- Thank you note from Nancy Taylor Dunn of the Tolland Youth Services Community Theater for the support of Cinderella.

### **Announcements:**

- Pumpkin Festival: Friday, October 30, 5 – 7:30 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade dance: Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm
- Fall Book Fair: November 2<sup>nd</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>
- “Breakfast with the Principal”: November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 am  
Please contact Mrs. Gavin, 870-6860, if you need childcare.
- Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.
- Continue to send in Box Tops through homeroom teacher
- Next Friends of Tolland music meetings – November 5<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- No school on November 11th

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.