



Tolland Middle School PTO

TOLLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MINUTES September 8, 2009

Cheryl Mathieu called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm. Cheryl thanked everyone for attending and introduced all the board members. The Secretary's report for May 12, 2009 was approved. Vicki Hadge made a 1st motion and Amy Begue made a 2nd motion.

Principal's Report: Dr. Willett reported that there was a bumpy opening with Power School but every came out okay. Thanks to teachers everything is well. Dr. Willett also reported that there would be a Principal's Breakfast on 9-10-09. Open houses will have a new structure 6:30 to 7:00 will be a meet and greet in the teachers room, and at 7:00 there will be a team presentation in the auditorium. Dr. Willett stated that there will be a Harvest Festival in October. It is still in the planning stages. You must bring a carved pumpkin for admission. This will be a community event to draw the community into the school. It will be possibly the 2nd or 3rd Friday in October. Dr. Willett also reported that the district will come up with an H1N1 plan, possibly hand sanitizer, etc. Dr. Willett introduced Kathryn Eidson and Robin Wilson and thanked them for coming.

Teacher Representative Report: Mrs. Wilson stated that she was impressed with the running of the meeting. She thanked the PTO for the breakfast and teacher reimbursement of \$100.00.

Treasurer's Report – Carolyn Ward reported an ending balance of \$58,517.81. She also stated that the budget did not have to be decreased because we did not have an IRS penalty. She informed everyone that the fundraiser form is available online.

Committee Report – Marlene Lindquist reported that membership forms are starting to come in.

Guest Speaker- Kathryn Eidson (District Curriculum Director) – Mrs. Eidson reported on the Standard Base Report Card. The standard base report card would have more detail than a regular report card, it would say what quality went into that grade and inform you of strength and weaknesses. It is used as a communication document. They will have a typical report card also. The middle school will not be ready until next fall.

Old Business:

- **A. Spring Fundraiser:** Cheryl Mathieu reported that we made \$3,800 instead of the \$2,200 we expected.
- **B. Update of Core Curriculum Budget Spending:** Nothing to report.
- **C. Update of IRS Penalty Fines Waived:** Carolyn Ward reported that the IRS has forgiven the penalties.
- **D. Fall Fundraiser:** Stephanie Howard reported that the fundraiser would be selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookies and it starts on September 11th and the orders are due September 30th.

- **E. TMS Spiritwear:** Kelly Nick reported that she sent home order forms and they are due September 21st. She will also have some spiritwear available at the open house.
- **F. Fall Harvest:** More information to come. It will feature a DJ, Robot, and reptile guy. Volunteers and food will be needed.
- **G. PTO Wish List Update:** Cheryl Mathieu reported that Jennifer Shimanski will send out letters to the teachers that the wish list is still available.
- **H. Cider Mill Road Race Update:** Linda Dooley reported the race will be held on October 3rd at Crandall Park. The race is for all ages; you may walk and push strollers. The race is going green, fresh spring water will be provided but no water bottles. Please send in your registration by September 18th to receive a t-shirt. Volunteers and food donations are needed.
- **Fall Book Fair:** Karen Lester reported that the book fair will be October 30th to November 6th. Scholastic wants to hold a rally at TMS and if we do this we would get \$300 worth of books for having this. It will be held October 5th from 10:00 to 12:00.

New Business:

- **A. Current Teacher Requests:** Mrs. Nichols – 8th grade team blue- \$1,200.00 for field trip to Salem & Danvers, MA. Studying Salem Witch Trials. 1st motion made by Elin Houseworth and a 2nd motion made by Kim Boutot. Mrs. Dionne – Art Department- \$25.62 for art supplies. 1st motion was made by Elin Houseworth and a 2nd motion was made by Susan Janton.
- **B. Possible Munson's Chocolate Spring Fundraiser:** Elin Houseworth reported that we could do a spring fundraiser and receive 40% profit. We will sell chocolate eggs, bunnies, jelly beans, Oreos and add a few items such as candy bars. Parents must pick up the orders. 1st motion was made by Marlene Lindquist and a 2nd motion by Renee Piazza to have this fundraiser.
- **C. Falcon News:** Cheryl Mathieu reported that we need a couple of volunteers to go out and get updated information on previous sponsors and possibly add new ones to advertise in Falcon News.

Correspondence:

-Thank you from Roberta Gavin for the display case.

Announcements:

-Next PTO Meeting, October 20, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

-“Breakfast with the Principal” Wednesday, October 7th, 9:00-10:00

-Remember...save your Box Tops!

-There is no longer a Hood Sox Top promotion.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.