

**PTO MEETING**  
**February 11, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Patty Messina	Rob Harrison
Jen Gallagher	Heidi Voulgaris
Sue Freeman	Dyan Reinhold
Patti Caires	Jen Marden
Sara Treem	Sara O'Bara
Sue Poor	Sharon Pacenka
Tina Journeay	Lisa Linnehan
Kate Carroll	Kate Byrne
Dr. Hart	

**Meeting started at 7:05pm**

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Everything is going well. We have a total of \$33210.87 and that does not include the ASE deposit as well as the auction coming up in April. Thanks Tina.
2. **PRINCIPALS:** Patty says that the ASE classes are going well. Thanks to all of the helpers and especially to Lisa Linnehan for all her hard work. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade had their changes program in-house that talked about solids, liquids and gases. The kindergarten had their 100 days of school celebration and the teachers are really looking forward to the Teachers R Souper luncheon on February 12<sup>th</sup>. FNS will also be having a school wide Jump-A-Thon the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> during their gym classes. There will be a special assembly as well for it with some secret surprises. At HRD, Rob talked about the Jump-A-Thon being February 13<sup>th</sup>. All classes will be participating
3. **TEACHER'S:** Sara Treem from HRD came and wanted to thank the PTO for the BrainPop program. She loves it. Kate Carroll and Kate Byrne from FNS were also in attendance. They were thrilled with how well the Flatbread fundraiser went & thanked the PTO for all the hard work everyone does.
4. **TEACHER'S R SOUPER:** This will be held on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at both schools. Everything seems ready to go at both schools. Thanks to Sue Karalias & Sara O'Bara for running this great event.
5. **MOVIE NIGHT:** Thanks to Jen Marden & Heidi Voulgaris for running movie night. It went well but we need to send reminders to parents to NOT drop off their children during this event. Also, the movie night that is usually in April will instead be on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

6. **SPRING SOIREE & SILENT AUCTION:** The auction is going to be on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Pentucket Jazz Band will be performing from 7-9PM. Lisa Linnehan & Jen Marden will be organizing & communicating with the teachers from both schools. If you have anything or anytime to donate, please contact Tracy.
7. **LOWELL DEVILS:** The game will be on February 15<sup>th</sup>. It costs \$6 a ticket after the PTO donation of \$5 per ticket. Thanks to Katie Rooney for doing this again.
8. **BINGO NIGHT:** Bingo night will be held on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, since there is no school on Friday due to Good Friday. Sharon Pacenka & some of the kids doing community service for the school will be running this event.
9. **SPONSOR A CLASSROOM:** We did very well considering the recent economy. We ended up \$145 off our goal. The PTO voted to spend up to \$1500 for the SPED classes so in the end, each teacher, title 1, literacy & specialists will get \$100 each. Thanks to Sharon Pacenka for all her hard work.
10. **T-SHIRTS:** Sara turned in the checks. We made a \$600 profit & 120 were sold. Lots more people forgot & still would like one so we might do this again in the spring. The shirts should arrive in around 2 weeks.
11. **FALL FUNDRAISER:** We are going to look at other options for next year's fall fundraiser. We are going to try to get some vendors to come to the next meeting so we can vote on which one we would like to do.
12. **ASE:** We are half way through and it is going well. Thanks to Rob, Patti & all of the teachers & monitors for all of their help. We should end up making around \$4,000-\$4,500. Thanks again, Lisa.
13. **BOXTOPS:** BoxTops will be mailed out on February 27<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has any, please send them in. This will be it for this year. Thanks Heidi for doing this.
14. **PTO POST:** Tracy is working on it. If you have anything to add to it, either contact Tracy or Sharon Pacenka. Thanks ladies for doing this.
15. **BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER:** The info on this fundraiser will be going out the first week in March. It will run from 3/3-3/17 and will be delivered on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Tracy will be running this event again. Thanks Tracy.
16. **PENTUCKET SENIOR CELEBRATION:** This is for the high school seniors. On graduation night, they have a mobile party. It is a great, safe night for the kids. They are looking for donations. It was approved to give \$150 for this great event that the kids love.
17. **DR. HART, GUEST SPEAKER:** The assistant superintendent was a guest speaker and talked to us about Powerful Learning. He wanted us to think of what things we want to create in the classrooms that would provide powerful learning for the children. We broke up into groups and came up with some ideas on this. If we can figure out some habits that powerful learners have, then we can teach these habits in the classroom. It went very well. Thanks to Dr. Hart for coming.
18. **PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP:** Patty presented to us a situation with a child in our preschool program. Due to financial reasons, he might not be able

to finish the school year. He is considered a role model for the other children in the class. Because of this, Patty was wondering if the PTO could give \$250 towards the rest of the year's tuition. Everyone is very sympathetic to this situation, but some people feel that if we do this for one child we will have to do it for others as well. It could open up a can of worms. The PTO voted on this, and it ended up a tie. Tracy was not in attendance so this matter will be discussed again at next month's meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35PM**