

PTO MEETING
September 12, 2007

ATTENDANCE:

Heidi Voulgaris	Sharon Pellerin
Tracy Duprey	Pam Romanowski
Sue Freeman	Susan Karalias
Sharon Pacenka	Jen Marden
Patti Cairns	Elizabeth Serju-Cadet
Karen Batchelder	Sara O'Bara
Katie Rooney	Dyane Reinhold
Valerie Paquette	Sue Poor
Lisa Linnehan	Rob Harrison
Patty Messina	Linda Higgins
Renee LeClere	

Meeting started: 7:02 pm

1. Tracy Duprey welcomed everyone and introduced the Board Members
2. Treasurers Report – We have \$52.69 in the checking account. Lisa Linnehan wanted to publicly thank everyone who had a say in getting the extra fifth grade teacher, she has seen a difference in her daughter already. Susan Karalias had a question about money for MGBS, is there any way we could budget \$1,500 and what does not get spent will automatically go back into the PTO account to be used else where. They have not been getting the private donations like they used to and have been running short for money and the \$1,000 PTO allots them has not been enough. VOTE to increase money for MGBS to \$1,500 for 2008. All in favor YES
3. Rob: MGBS was a great success, thank you to all. Thank you for the mulch. Curriculum night was well attended and lots of CORI forms were filled out, which is great. School Committee meeting is next Tuesday and will be held at the Donaghue. There are lots of new District people around and things seem to be moving in the right direction. The handbook is on its way; once it gets here it will be sent home with the sign off forms. Upcoming events: gr. 3 Plymouth Plantation, gr. 5 Science Museum. We still need 2 parents to meet 1 x a month for School Council.
Patty: Sweetsir is in need of a Building Aid for lunch and recess if you know anyone who is interested have them see her. Thank you to all for MGBS. Thank you to the Smith family for the garden work. Curriculum night for Sweetsir is coming at a later date. The Parent Resource room will be reopening, any and all ideas for use/purpose let her know.
4. Katie Rooney and Pam Romanowski, both paraprofessionals at the Donaghue were present for staff
5. Public thank you from the board members to the MGBS committee
6. Fall fundraiser went out yesterday, Dee Brown is the chair. Sharon Pellerin explained about the company we went with and why. If anyone has different ideas or information about other fundraising projects please bring them to next months meeting.
7. Harvest Festival, Dyan Reinhold is the chair – she needs lots of help and suggestions for new stuff. Katie Rooney volunteered to co-chair.
8. Forms went out for the membership, Tracy Duprey reminded the Principals to have staff sign up and announced that the mass e-mail box will be purged shortly and new ones will be put in, so if you want to get e-mails send in your registration form with

address on it.

9. Square 1 Art is underway, Sue Freeman is chair
10. Merrimac Messenger/PTO website – Sharon and Tracy take care of. If you need anything posted, e-mailed or put into the Messenger let Tracy or Sharon now by the 20th of each month. Sharon and Tracy will look into having the Messenger put on line.
11. Tracy let the Principals know that we will need a list of all Cultural Arts events with the dates and amount of money needed
12. Went over the use of the School signs and it was decided that, if there is room, Town Meeting and School Committee meeting times and dates will be posted
13. Sponsor a Classroom – Sharon Pacenka is chair will be sending out info ASAP
14. BOXTOPS – Pam Romanowski is chair – she will be stepping down and needs someone to take over. A flier will be going out to explain BOXTOPS and the monthly drawings will start up in October.
15. Please let Tracy or Sharon know if you want to be on the agenda for the upcoming meetings ahead of time so that you can be scheduled in.
16. Appropriations – due to the lack of money we will have to consider changing it to once a year.

OTHER:

We will be having an Artisan Fair Friday November 16, Jen Marden and Sara O'Bara will chair and will have more info at the next meeting

Lisa Linnehan announced that the Merrimac Savings Bank is sponsoring all the school magnets this year, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm