

**PTO MEETING
October 8, 2008**

ATTENDANCE:

Tracy Duprey	Jen Marden
Jen Gallagher	Rebekah Reynolds
Susan Karalias	Dyan Reinhold
Patti Caires	Ellen Miracle
Mary Ellen Ramsey	Sharon Pacenka
Sue Freeman	Lisa Linnehan
Andrea Scheidler	Rob Harrison
Heidi Voulgaris	Sara O'Bara
Sue Poor	Jessica Gilliland
Lisa Werner	Karen Batchelder
Kathy Terceiro	

Meeting started at 7:05pm

1. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The money that came in this month was for the MGBTS bookstore, PTO memberships & scholarships. We are showing \$3908 for the read-a-thon. This was from the book fair that was held last spring. The money should not be showing here & has been split between the 2 schools. This should not happen again.
2. **PRINCIPALS:** Patty was not here. Rob wanted to thank everybody who has shown up for the Take Home Tuesday the last few weeks. It is going so much better with more people helping out. Also, the School Council had their first meeting. Chris Peterson attended as our parent representative. There will be a presentation in November about the school improvement plan. HRD also has a new teacher, Beth Sullivan. She started on September 29th. Welcome. The third graders will be going to Plimoth Plantation on November 13th. Some of the cultural arts money was used for this so they can take the trip on Coach buses.
3. **TEACHER'S:** Mary Ellen Ramsey came from the Sweetsir & Kathy Terceiro, Lisa Werner & Jessica Gilliland were present from the Donaghue. Thank you all for coming.
4. **OLD HOME DAYS/GUEST SPEAKER:** Rebekah Reynolds & Ellen Miracle came on behalf of the Old Home Days. Rebekah came to tell us about what Old Home Days is all about. Their meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Town Hall & is open to all. If anyone has anything you can contribute or would like more information you can contact Rebekah. We will

try to get Old Home Days info on the PTO website & the Merrimac CSC.
Thank you both for coming.

5. APPROPRIATION DEADLINE: The deadline for appropriations is October 31st. We have only received a few as to date. Rob & Patty will remind teachers of this.
6. WISH WALL: There is a wish wall in front of both schools. All the teachers have put things in there that they can use for the classroom. It is going over well. Thank you to Lisa Linnehan and Tracy Duprey for setting this up.
7. MEMBERSHIP: Right now we have 150 people entered in the system.
8. DIRECTORY: Lisa O'Neil, a parent with children at Donaghue, has offered to set up a new directory for us. She is hoping to have it done around Halloween. Thank you very much.
9. INNISBROOK/JEN & SARA: Jen and Sara sent reminders home extending the fundraiser until this Friday, October 10th.
10. SQUARE ONE ART/SUE FREEMAN: All the artwork has been sent in. The magnets are due back around October 20th.
11. HARVEST FESTIVAL/DYAN: Dyan is getting a good response for volunteers, much better than last year. She just found out that the middle school dance is the same night so hopefully we won't lose some of our help. Dyan is still looking for a 2nd shift fortune teller & a 2nd shift witch. If you know anybody, contact Dyan Reinhold.
12. CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR: The craft & vendor fair is going to be held on November 21st at HRD. Sara O'Bara posted it on craigslist to get some vendors. She has gotten a few responses in just a couple of days. So far, it is going slower than last year. It is only \$25 for a table so if you know of someone, contact either Jen Marden or Sara O'Bara.
13. REVIEW PTO POST: Rob mentioned how great the Calendar of Events is. We are getting a great response to this. If anything needs to be changed or added to this, contact either Tracy Duprey or Sharon Pacenka.
14. ASE: Lisa Linnehan is running this again. She has a tentative registration date of Monday, January 12th. Classes will begin the week of January 26th. Due to all the early release Wednesdays, classes might not be offered on Wednesdays. Also, Patty Messina & Ann Lozier want to go snack free for ASE due to all the allergies we have. We all agreed that would be best.
15. OPEN DISCUSSION:
 - It was brought up about how slow the pick-up process has been at HRD. The car riders are waiting a long time to leave, especially since some parents then need to pick children up at Sweetsir. Rob said they will change the order around so this process can go a little faster.
 - Sara O'Bara looked into having T-shirts made with the school logo on them. She found a website, www.customink.com. They have t-shirts, long sleeve shirts & sweatshirts available. The cost does not seem to bad.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45PM