

# PTO Meeting Minutes

## February 9, 2009

**Location:** Deerfield Elementary School Library

**Present:** Peggy Pope, Kelli Ezzell, Beth Vander Grinten, Sheryl Norton, Julie Schifano, Mary Winkler, Lesa Herms, Jaime McCabe, April Christenson, Joanne Polk, Natalie Cwik, Tom Bush, Barb Nelson, Anna Ehrhart, SuAnn Bartenhagen, Carolyn Eschmeyer, Darnell Reppen, Kristin Higgins, Michele Wee, and Becky Sanoy.

**Absent:** Mark Becker

**Meeting Called To Order:** 6:36 pm

### **Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2008:**

- Motion made by Barb Nelson to approve the meeting minutes from the November 10, 2008 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by April Christenson. All approved – Motion Passes.

### **Committee Reports:**

- PTO Officers/Committee Reports
  - Enrichment Programs – SuAnn Bartenhagen
    - ✓ The next scheduled enrichment is February 20, 2009 at 10:00am,
    - ✓ Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform at DES on March 12, 2009 at 10:30am. The program is fee. Discussion included contributing \$100 to WYSO.
      - Motion made by April Christenson to give \$100 to WYSO for their performance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Winkler. Discussion included support of this contribution. All approved – Motion Passes.
    - ✓ Health Fair is coming up for the April enrichment. Kristin Higgins suggested a presenter for “Poison Prevention.” She will contact Barb Bendall – school nurse.
    - ✓ Young Authors will by May 8, 2009.
  - Treasurer’s Report – Sheryl Norton
    - ✓ Balance as of 02/09/09 is \$9,271.99 in checking and \$4,366.33 in savings.
    - ✓ Remaining expenses from the 2007/2008 school year are approximately \$900 for playground equipment. Current bill does not reflect discount. We will pay once Doreen forwards final bill for payment.
  - Market Day – Anna Ehrhart
    - ✓ February Market Day is sponsored by 4<sup>th</sup> Grade.
    - ✓ Our previous representative (Sue) is no longer with Market Day, we now have a new representative.
    - ✓ Anna cannot be present at this months Market Day. A volunteer is needed to take charge this month. From 1:30pm – 3:00pm Julie Schifano will be responsible and from 3:00pm – 4:30pm Sheryl Norton will be responsible.
    - ✓ There will be a Book Gift Card promotion coming up, go to the Market Day website for more information, [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com).
  - Santa Secret Shop – Jaime McCabe and April Christenson
    - ✓ Santa Secret Shop was again a successful event this year. Jaime and April helped Val Bultman coordinate this year so they will be able to take over for 2009. They have identified various areas that need improvement, especially

the organization. They will implement changes for 2009 to improve the efficiency of Santa Secret Shop.

- ✓ The cash brought in was \$5,093.25 and the expenses were \$4,655.30. This amount includes the discount we receive for signing contract early.
- ✓ Over 400 questionnaires were sent out to DES parents/guardians asking if they wish to continue or discontinue Santa Secret Shop. There were 145 returned with the majority favoring continuing Santa Secret Shop.
- ✓ Jaime and April will next poll the staff for comments/suggestions to improve Santa Secret Shop for 2009.
- Teacher Appreciation Week – Beth Vander Grinten
  - ✓ The theme will be related to Space/World – Our Teachers/Staff are Out of this World.
  - ✓ Date to be determined – will consult with Mark Becker to pick a date that fits best into the DES calendar.
  - ✓ The following expressed an interest in joining the committee: Barb Nelson, Kristin Higgins, Jaime McCabe and April Christenson.
- Principals Report – Mark Becker
  - Although absent, he expressed his appreciation to the enrichment committee for a job well done in planning the current enrichments via email. The committee is doing an outstanding job finding quality enrichments, while keeping in mind the character education themes.
  - Addressed earlier under enrichments, Mr. Becker thought a donation to WYSO would be appreciated as there is no charge for their performance.
- Teacher Representative Report – Joanne Polk
  - Spring Concert will be by April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (rehearsal and performance).
  - Read Across America is March 6<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are needed and can sign up with Mrs. Storms in the DES office.
  - Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart will be February 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Kindergarten Visitation tentatively scheduled for April 30-May 1.
  - School Kidz Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- New Business
  - The 2<sup>nd</sup> Scholastic Book Fair is fast approaching. It will be slightly different this time as evening hours will only occur on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for these two evenings from 3:00pm-7:30pm. The Book Fair will also be open during school hours. Parents/guardians are asked to contact Darnell Reppen directly if interested in volunteering for either of these shifts.
- Old Business
  - None
- Other
  - Bus Routes – Tom Bush, School Board President, gave a brief update. The bus routes are still being evaluated. A decision on Prairie Village Rd will be made soon. Any parent with questions or concerns about the bus routes are asked to Contact Tom Bush at 764-9955 or Doreen Trueden at 764-5431 to express their concerns or opinions.

- Change in Athletic Conferences – Tom Bush, School Board President, encouraged all parents/guardians to contact any of the school board members with comments either in favor or against this change.
  - School Snow Make-up Days – Tom Bush, School Board President indicated the district is already required to make-up two days of school. Those make-up dates will be decided soon.
- Adjourn –
- Motion made by Jaime McCabe to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Natalie Cwik. No Discussion. All approved – Motion passes.

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