

WLC PTF Minutes for September 15, 2008

Members Present: Angela Gosselin, Lee O'Connor, Jeannine Corio, Stephen Morrison, Veronica Spicer, David Brissette Erin Arndt, Sheri Godfrin, Donna Minchillo, Rachael Costa, Pamela Geremia, Lisa Simpson, Shannon Gamache, Erica Simanski, Richelle Wheeler, Karen Genereux, Ellen Callahan, Jenna Huguenin, Debra Wright, and Laura Turcutte.

Call Meeting to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Angela Gosselin.

Introductions and Future Meeting Schedule:

1. Brief introductions by all members present.
2. Members do not want a rotating schedule. Meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. The exception to this will be when the meeting date falls on a holiday. Arrangements will be made on an as-needed basis.

Open House Update:

1. The open house was a great success. Some Callahan clothing was sold and many individuals signed up to assist us with future events.

Fundraiser Discussions:

1. As to date, we have received 55 orders for our Fun Time order. Orders can still be placed on-line at their website.
2. There will be a future pie and cake fundraiser. Details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Old Business:

1. Motion to sell ice cream in the cafeteria to the students during lunchtime by Angela Gosselin. Motion seconded by Veronica Spicer. Motion passed.
2. Ice cream varieties will include low fat and non-sugar items. Volunteer will be need to assist in the distribution at lunch.
3. School Store: Parent volunteers will be needed to oversee the store. Students apply math concepts in a real-world situation.

New Business:

1. Treasurer gave report of current budget amounts.
2. Mrs. Cornell request for funds for classroom folders: A motion was made against this request by Erica Simanski. This motion was seconded by Shannon Gamache. This motion passed with a 12 to 8 vote. This request will be revisited in the future.
3. Mrs. Menard request for benches in the playground area: The request was tabled, and will be revisited after prices and information is obtained regarding these items.
4. Mrs. Auclair request for Scholastic book readers: A motion in favor of the request was made by Lee O'Connor. The motion was seconded by Jeannine Corio. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A survey will be sent to teachers asking if they would welcome the addition of a Room Parent –to aide in communication to all parents – not as a classroom aide.

Principal's Report:

1. **School Improvement Team (SIT):** These meetings will take place on the same night of the week as the PTF meeting, but on an off week. Mr. Brissette explained the difference between the PTF and the SIT groups. A sign up sheet for the SIT was made available.

Committee Organization and Sign-Ups:

1. **Red Ribbon Week:** This event will take place during the week of October 20-24, 2008. Erica Simanski will organize this event this year. Rachael Costa volunteered to take over this event in future years.
2. **Yearbook Committee:** Volunteers that sign up for this committee will meet directly after our PTF meeting this evening.
3. **Halloween Party/Fun Night Committee:** The date for this year's Halloween party will be October 17, 2008. Karen Genereux and Rachael Costa will head this committee.
4. **After School Enrichment Committee:** We are working on offering an ASE program this year. A committee has been formed to work on this project. Our goal as a group is to establish a program geared towards our 2nd – 5th graders that will be both fun and educational. Lee O'Connor contacted a chorus instructor regarding offering Chorus for ASE – the instructor is willing to work with us and offer 10-15 sessions of chorus in the Spring with and end of year performance. Compensation for this activity was discussed, but no amount was agreed on. It was discussed among the group that if some of the activities run for a shorter period of time it might be easier for some parents and more students may be able to get involved. Also there was a discussion about offering some sessions in the evening as opposed to right after school so working parents could bring their children. Angela Gosselin will organize the work of this committee.
5. **5K and Family Day Committee:** Stephen Morrison has a great deal of information regarding the organization of a 5K walk/run in May of 2009 – and will coordinate the work of this group. A volunteer sheet was made available, and details will continue to be available throughout the year. A family day immediately following the walk/run was suggested. All members present showed interest in both of these events.
6. **Field Day Committee:** This discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

Parent Volunteer Update:

1. Jeannine Corio has obtained 40 BCI applications. The results of these applications will be returned soon.
2. Jeannine reported on which teachers had parents assisting in which classrooms so far this year.

Yearbook Update:

1. There will be a competition for the design of artwork to be placed in the yearbook as clipart and backgrounds this year – among the 5th grade students.
2. Lee O'Connor also presented a sales and expenses update.
3. Cover voting will take place this week among the 5th grader classrooms.

Callahan Spiritwear Update:

1. New items this year will include water bottles, sport bags, and pajama shorts. A variety of shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, etc. will be sold again this year as well.
2. These items will be for sale at parent teacher conferences, book fairs, etc. and an order form will be sent home schoolwide.

Blood Drive:

1. There are not set dates for the blood drive as of our meeting date. The RI blood bank usually schedules 3 dates throughout the year that they are available at the location requested.