

Waterbury PTO Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2009

Attendees

Carrie Williams
Colleen Kuna
Sherie Hornstien
Karen Robinson
Karla Shultz
Gayle Smolinski
Jennie Winiecki
Anne Peinis
Arlette Alvarez
Shilpa Shah
Rachael Rinchiuso
Tracy Sourwine
Jenny Morrow
Kim Shultz
Dr. Auer
Colleen Koch
Jennifer Johnson
Tricia Elbl
Gina Borgman
Amish Baker

Vicky Stewart
Kelly Plaza
Anita Furlin
Sandy Hagland
Sue Reidy
Valerie Owens
Paula Johnson
Deena McLoughin
Michelle Speers
Corine Tentkorey
Lindsay Schekhtayan
Janell Novak
Jenny Johnson
Christina Smith
Mona Gajjar
Marie Pulaski
Lekha Tusarh
Diane Sheeks
Amy Bicbic
Micheal Baker

Lorie Catrambone
Christine Stawnyczy
Elsa Garcia
Sara Bruno
Antonella Matuszewski
Jamie Panagakis
Ann Marie Carreto
Stephanie Padron
Becky Jarolin
Valerie Zielinski
Helen Orishner
Patty Free
Chris Smith
Beth Carow
Jennifer Kennedy
Meera Ramachardran
Rich Gupta
Maggie Havanga
Pat Waserztrum
Tim McHugh

Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introduced the board and PTO members.

▪ **Secretary report**

- Motion made by Vicky Stewart seconded by Carrie Williams to read both the May 5th and May 26th to ourselves in lieu of reading out loud. Motion passed.

▪ **Mayor Gayle Smolinski**

- Be nosey parent. Children are less likely to get in trouble if you are involved.
- National Night Out: Know your neighborhood. If you see children that don't belong, call the Roselle police department.
- Due to budget cuts 8 people lost their job at our dispatch center. Some will be hired by Ducom. They can provide better services in a emergency.
- Video Gambling is now legal in Roselle. They have not discussed the rules as a board yet. There will be restrictions.
- Red light camera program: accidents have been reduced from 19 to 8. People stopping on red light on Gary and Lake. There is one going in on Central and Rodenburg.
- Brunch café is up and running. Very good food. The developers hope there success brings more business.
- Town homes are selling.
- Park and Main breakfast and lunch restaurant .
- The city is put in a bell poll for holiday music.
- Hoping for new restaurants at Prospect and Main and a bowling alley at Nerge and Plum Grove.
- Any questions contact Gayle at her office.

▪ **Dr. Carol Auer**

- Enrollment is stable.
- Cut \$600,000 from this year's budget
- Will be cutting \$700,000 next year
- The state is in debt. They are trying not to cut from staff and what they can do for the children.
- Scores have gone up in reading and math.
- New pre algebra class so the children are better prepared
- Hired 7 new teachers despite budget cuts
- Greenbrook librarian passed away Diane Whitney; she will be missed. Mrs. Kaminski Waterbury's Librarian.
- ISB is very well represented by the board.
- Registration went well.

▪ **School Board: Tim McHugh**

- H1N1 virus Teacher need to report any county if any children have symptoms.
- 10 staff member have perfect attendance. They each got \$100.00.
- Total reductions were \$721.921.00
- 2010-2011 is going to be worse then 2009-2010 budgets.
- Board meeting to pass budget on September 24th.
- They hope to have summer school next year.
- We hope to keep the reading program in place that we have.
- We did get the reading grant we had hopeful.

▪ **Principal report**

- First day of school went great.
- We have a lot of new families this year.
- Curriculum night great. Great information was given out. Thanks to all that came.
- Beth's new Web site is up and running. She hopes to be able communicate better with parents, hopes to get more info on there.
- Kim O'Malley has accepted another job. We have 5 applicants for the art teacher positions.
- We have been teaching the kids to cough in their arms. If the kids have a fever, please keep them home.
- When Judy is not here, Donna is her backup.
- If you here any rumor, please contact Beth first.
- Please sign up for Beth updates
- Keeneyville Keeper is up running.

▪ **Asst principal – Deena McLaughlin**

- Our kids are wonderful. The most important thing is to keep them safe. All the children know the yellow vest the teachers wear stands for safety.
- We hope to have the best year ever.
- Beth will be going for her PHD. Unfortunately the classes are held on Tuesday night so she will not be attending the PTO meetings.

- **Teacher Rep. – Pat Fogarty**
 - Picture day went great. Looking forward to the teacher welcome back.
- **Treasurer report**
 - The balance in checking as of September 1st was \$20,638.22. Motion was made to approve the treasure report made by Vicky, seconded by Valerie Zielinski. Motion passed.
- **Explore More Day recap**
 - Went very well. Budget \$3,500.00. Used only \$2,310.33
- **Policy and procedures**
 - Make sure you pick up the procedures form from the cabinet. Bylaws will be voted on next month. Let us know if you need to get into the lock cabinet. Please call a board member to open the file cabinet.
 - All letters need to go through Carrie and Lorie and to go through Beth.
- **PTO Packet**
 - Due back September 11th
- **Childcare**
 - Donation is a dollar per child. Need 24 hour notice.
- **Barnes and Noble**
 - December 11th. The chorus will be participating.
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- **PTO membership**
 - 139 families signed up = \$695. If you feel you double paid, please contact Carrie or Lorie.
 - There will be a pizza party for the class with the largest membership.
- **Waterbury Web site**
 - We hope to have a link to the website from the school site to make it easier. Lorie said she is willing to check emails.
 - If you have a chair position, your phone number will be on the Web site.
 - Newsletter will be on the website.
 - Gina was hoping to purchase images for the web. Images run about \$50.00.
 - Motion made by Vicky, seconded by Valerie. Motion passed for images passed.
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- **Teacher Welcome Back**
 - Will be at 3:30, right after school. Please leave all food in the office.
- **Picture Day**
 - All went great. Retake will be on October 27
- **Entertainment books**
 - Went out. They are not a gift. They need to be returned by Sept 9th.

- **Fall Fundraiser**
 - Will be going out the beginning of October.
- **Walk a thon**
 - Colleen Koch forms to go out on Friday. The walk will be on Sept 26 (rain date is Oct. 3) from 8am until 12 noon. Colleen purchased 1000 icees and will purchase 1000 more to make sure we have enough. Still trying to get the mascot from Lake Park.
- **Parent Scholarship**
 - Application will be in the newsletter. They are due back by Sept 25th.
- **Taffy apples**
 - Order forms will go out on Sept 25th. There are new items on the list. Carmel corn and triple chocolate.
- **Stratford Square**
 - The amount per child has been lowered from 600 to 200. Bring your receipt to the customer service area to receive your points.
- **Programs**
 - Steven Kellogg: we hope to be at our school all the teacher have agreed to have only 1 other program and Steven Kellogg
- **Campbell's Labels**
 - We have 18 ,663 in points. We will be looking at what we can get for school.
- **Capri Sun**
 - Right now we are not saving these. It is a lot of work and with all the flu germs, it is not a good idea at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted

Christine Stawnyczy