

Waterbury PTO Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2009

ATTENDEES:

Carrie Williams	Vicky Stewart	Tricia Elbl	Sherie Hornstein
Karen Robinson	Kelly Plaza	Sue Reidy	Deena McLoughlin
Emilia Espinol	Diane Sheeks	Valerie Zielinski	LindsaySchekhtgen
Carolyn Weibel	Beth Carow	Amisha Baker	AnnMarie Carretto
Maggie Havenga	Lorie Catrambone	Edvyna Gedritis	Jennifer Johnson
Amy Bicbic	Colleen Kuna		

Called to Order at 7:07PM.

Thank you notes from Teacher Appreciation and Explore More Day are being circulated.

Secretary's Report: not available

Treasurer's Report: The balance in checking as of May 26, 2009 is \$21,363.78. The Treasurer's Report is not complete, the report will be held open until the end of May. Please submit receipts to Sherie as soon as possible.

Principal's Report – Beth Carow

- Tomorrow is DARE Graduation for 5th Grade. The 5th Grade Breakfast is Friday.
- Explore More Day was great. The kids had a great time and were very excited.
- Field Day went well with all the parents that helped.
- Roselle Fire and Police Departments will be meeting with neighboring schools regarding lockdown drills that will eventually be mandatory. Waterbury is already conducting lockdown drills.
- Band Director – Mark Hengesh is trying a fast start approach to band for next year. The 4th graders have already had the opportunity to look at instruments.
- Summer hours – there will be someone in the office to answer phones. There will be no air conditioning in the buildings. Chris will be here on and off in June. Deena and Chris will be in the first 2 weeks and Beth will be out. John will be in the building except for a vacation.
- Registration will begin July 1st online. If you need assistance go to Springwood in August.
- Early Childhood program (STARs) is funded through a grant. Illinois may not offer the grant for the next school year. Call 217-782-0244 to say that you are against the early childhood grant block and/or cutting the funding for this program.
- There were 78 children that registered for kindergarten.
- Supply List will be online and in the report card.

Teacher's Report – not available

School Board Representative – not available

Old Business

- Program – Steven Kellogg. Will cost the PTO \$3,500. The PTO budget is \$20,000 and we are holding \$10,000 over for next year. We do not know how the fundraisers will go – do we want to incur this cost. There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of this program. The issue was put to a vote and passed by majority.

- Teacher Appreciation went well. The committee spent \$674 on a budget of \$700. The hands that the children made were salvaged and given to the teachers to keep. A big thank to to the committee!
- Explore More Day Recap – Wrap up Meeting – budget or \$3500, currently spent \$1700 there may be \$300 - \$400 in outstanding receipts that have not yet been submitted. Lunch cost \$700 this year, Subway was served. Thank you to all parents that helped!
- Yearbooks are ready. The 5th grade will be given theirs on Friday. The rest of the school will receive theirs on June 1st. A sheet will be signed by the kids when they receive their yearbook to keep track of who receives a yearbook. PM Kindergarten will get their yearbooks on June 2nd.
- 5th Grade Breakfast is all set for Friday. The just need a coffee pumper and a check from Sherie to pay for the breakfast.
- 2009 – 2010 Executive Board
 - President: Carrie Williams and Lorie Ctrambone
 - Vice President: Vicky Stewart and Colleen Kuna
 - Secretary: Christine Stawnyczy
 - Treasurer/Accounts Payable: Kelly Plaza
 - Treasurer/Accounts Receivable: Sherie Hornstein
- 2009-2010 Open Committee Positions
 - Shadows needed for Fall Fundraiser, Picture Day
 - Barnes & Noble and Welcome Committee Chairs needed
 - Diane Sheeks volunteered to do School Supply Kits
 - Jennifer Johnson volunteered to do the Outside Sign
 - Diane Sheeks and Sherie Hornstein volunteered to do the Yearbook
- Purple Calendar is available on line. Go to the District 20 website > Staff Resources > Purple Calendar
- Walk-A-Thon Update: Colleen Koch has been working on planning. The letter is ready for review. This event will be our “Ice Cream Social” but with popsicles. Date is September 26th from 8 to 12. Raindate will be Oct. 3rd. The event will be publicized in the newsletter.
- Welcome Committee Kit – Diane Sheeks has put together a packet with information for Kindergarten parents and parents of new students to the school. The packet is designed to give the parents all the information that they need to know. Suggestion was made to add a parking lot diagram to the packet.
- BoxTops – We have already collected over 2,000. PTO should receive a check for \$200-\$300 in December from BoxTops submitted when we come back to school. Gina is putting together baggies to send home for summer collections. She will need labels.
 - Money Motion – Vicky made a money motion for \$25 to be added to the BoxTops budget to cover the cost of labels. Motion was passed.

New Business

- Discussed ideas for the revised PTO Website Ideas: Board descriptions; chair position descriptions; electronic copies of all flyers that are being sent home; PTO Minutes; Donation button connected to Paypal; email addresses of chair positions; donation lists; explore more day updates; volunteer signups.
- Additional fund raising ideas: Sandy Candy for Fun Fair; Pens that hold pictures; Crunchtime – green cleaners and reusable products.

Chair Reports

- Waiting on checks from Baskin Robbins and Wendy's fundraisers.
- Have a wonderful summer! Next PTO meeting will be on September 1st.

Meeting Adjourned 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Robinson