

PTO Meeting

June 4, 2012

1. **Co-Presidents' Remarks** (Susan Goetcheus)

-Thanks to the folks who worked on the grounds cleanup, ice cream social, colonial day, spring fair.

-Thanks to the outgoing PTO officers (Janice and Andrea) and welcome to the incoming PTO officers, Amy and Emily.

-PTO volunteer appreciation breakfast this coming Friday from 7:30-8:15.

-Which nights for PTO meetings next year? Thinking of alternating evenings throughout the year. Are there any nights that are not workable? Susan will send out an email at the beginning of the year to set next and future PTO meetings.

2. **Principal's report on School Council and other activities** (Alan Brown)

-Karen scheduled to be out through June 18th. Alan Brown, retired principal from Stratton will be filling in. He has worked with Karen for many years. Mr. Brown was a teacher at Stratton for many years before becoming principal.

-He will be out in the building meeting all the children over the next several days.

3. **Review/update of PTO bylaws** (Susan Goetcheus)

-By laws last revised in May, 2002. Carl Elder, Janice Weinberg and Susan Goetcheus reviewed the document and made changes for PTO to review. Articles to be reviewed:

- Article III, D which states that the organization shall not seek to direct the administrative activities of the school or control its policies. The feeling is that the statement may not accurately reflect the mission of the PTO. PTO should act as an information gatherer from teachers and parents and act as a liaison/conduit to the principal and the advisory council. It may also be helpful to look at the differences between the roles of the PTO and the school council. The PTO will have Karen also review the bylaws for suggestions.

- Articles IV, membership. Can teachers run for elected positions? For example, if you are a parent and a teacher, is there a conflict to run for PTO officer?

-Article V-Wanted to add language around sharing of positions. Also removed specific assignments around president and vice president. Committees may change over time.

-Will wait to vote until the September meeting. Feel free to email thoughts to either Carl, Susan or Janice.

4. **Committee reports**

-**Community Outreach** (Lori Pescatore) All programs will be continued next year. Backpacks will be collected this summer to be delivered to DCF. A new addition will be a walk for diabetes. If there are other ideas for outreach, please be in touch with Jessica Callaghan.

-**Enrichment** (Carl Elder) Two events left this year, owls and bubbles. There will be enrichment meeting this coming Wednesday to discuss events for next year. Meeting will be in the library at 6:30pm.

-**Fundraising** (Sarah Forney) Spring fair raised approximately \$2500. Thanks to Lori Pescatore.

-**Hospitality** (Lori Pescatore) Ice cream social was a success. Next year, hospitality events have been broken down for different people to run. Lori will be taking over fundraising next year. There will be the addition of a holiday fair as a fundraiser which will incorporate a silent auction. Will charge vendors 25\$ a table and will charge kids 10\$ a table. Mrs. T will help find vendors. Walk-a-thon will happen in the fall, along with a fun run. The event will tie it into Halloween.

-**Library** (Susan Goetcheus)-Sold some old books that were donated and made money to be used as a camp scholarship. Mrs. T has been sending home notices to kids for returning books.

-**Teacher reps** –Mrs. Wall shared that a walk for juvenile diabetes will happen in the spring.

-**Treasurer** (Lori Pescatore)-Money has been added in the budget for the camp scholarship that came from Mrs. T selling donated books.

5. **Other business and announcements**

-A 5th grade parent was looking for suggestions for a gift to the school. Lori suggests that the 5th grade talks to Karen to get ideas.

-5th grade car wash will happen at the rec center this coming Saturday.