

METCALF PTO MINUTES
Thursday, April 1, 2010
6:00-7:30PM
Fairchild Lounge

ATTENDEES:

Barb Jacobsen, Lynn Litwiller, Brian Wetter, Kathy Wetter, Peggy Finnegan, Heather Marshall, Dan Marshall, Patti Koranda, Bob Piker, Pam Locsin, Nancy Braun, Carl Bennett, Sue Stroyan-Bennett, Alex Kashner, Angela Ambers-Henderson, Sheryl Chambers, Amy Coffman, Howard Henderson, William King, Polly Bedford, Ari Turetzky, Jennifer Dorr, Christine Stauter, Christina Isabelli, Kim Walker-Smith, Holli Will and anyone else who did not sign in ☺

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - Around the room introductions. Barb welcomed everyone.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- This was the best fundraising year ever. It's been a great year with lots of support
- Open positions
 - President (can only serve 1 year) – finds chairs for each event, answering parent questions, arranges speakers for meetings.
 - Vice President - shadows the president and then moves into President position the following year
 - Secretary – Takes minutes for PTO meetings
 - Room Assistant Chair – Sends out messages from the PTO to the Lead Room assistants to disseminate among the parents
 - Holiday Bazaar Chair – chair in charge of communications and coordination pertaining to the Holiday Bazaar
 - Montage 2012 Chair – Coordinator to delegate work among sub-chairs
 - Career Day Chair – Coordinate career day
- Nomination was made for Lynn Litwiller to continue as treasurer. (Kathy 1st/Angela 2nd)
- Nominations will remain open for a few more weeks, contact Barb with any questions.
- Thank you to Holli Will for a successful Career Day! She will not continue as chair, however will continue as Lost & Found chair

TREASURER'S REPORT - Lynn Litwiller

Balances of as 3/31/10:

Commerce \$27,969.98
Money Market \$20,111.03
Kalin Fund \$250.00
Hayden Fund \$236.48
Foundation \$30,466.40
Music Department 0.00
Technology Fund 0.00

Total \$79,033.89

- All Office Depot gift cards are distributed
 - \$50 for full-time staff

- \$25 for part-time staff
- The new clerk will complete purchase orders for the teacher grants.
- PTO will buy 1 of each poster of Montage art (at cost), the school will purchase frames and display them in the front hallway. 21 total at \$9 each would be less than \$200 from PTO (Heather 1st/Sue 2nd)

Career Day – Holli Will

- Thank you for all the support from PTO to be able to go “on the road” with Career Day
 - Marriot Hotel – 20 kids got to learn about hotel sales, catering, events etc.
 - Garlic Press – learn about entrepreneurial opportunities
 - Photography by Kent – 13 kids got to learn about digital photography
 - Military Sciences & Team building – 30 boys got to learn about military opportunities
 - Thank you again for all the vans!
- Anyone interested in chairing this next year, please contact Holli for more information

OLD BUSINESS

March Meeting minutes – Accepted (Bob 1st/Lynn 2nd)

Montage Art, Peggy Finnegan – What exactly should the text on the Art posters say?

Homeroom – Grade

Title

Thomas Metcalf School 2009-2010

PTO Survey, Angela Ambers-Henderson - The survey has been sent to Barb, next step will be to run it by the PTO board and Dr. Coffman and then send it out.

Chair Reports –

none

Special Guest Speaker – Alex Kashner, 5/6 Science

- Working on aligning K-8 with each other into a flowing sequence. This summer will work on tracking to state standards to make sure everything is covered.
- Working on getting new textbooks, meeting with FAC to come up with final decision
 - Down to two versions – the preferred one has had the publishing date pushed back which could be an issue. It has better online teacher support than the second choice.
 - Will use a “spiraling effect” of sharing books
- Curriculum mapper on the website shows the topics by month
- K-5 vs 6-8
 - K-5 state standards are inquiry based – i.e. “Can they do?”
 - 6-8 state standards are content based – i.e. “Do they know”
 - The 6-8 textbook (preferred version) has a hard copy with a free e-book available which could save wear and tear on books as students wouldn’t have to take them back and forth from school.

NEW BUSINESS

Circus Funding Request, Kim Walker-Smith - There are 20+ volunteer coaches (and 6 U-High students) for circus currently. 4 of these are paid a stipend. In the past, a parent has stood outside the

performance collecting donations and then divided up the money for gift cards. Request is being made that PTO match part of what Ms. Walker-Smith has available currently (\$10 per coach).

- PTO has been the “safety net” in the past, pledging the money up front before donations are collected then being reimbursed from the donations
- PTO has a precedent of providing “seed money” to start up organizations events but not on-going support
- Suggestion was made to have a “Circus Parent” similar to a room parent who could organize coaches gifts
- For this year, Ms Walker-Smith will talk to Anne Walling (Circus Reception chair) and see if something can be put together to collect donations on the Friday performance, PTO will front money needed if there is a deficit for this year only. The amount needed to raise is \$690 (Angela 1st/Sheryl 2nd)

Babysitting Class will be offered at the end of May

Meeting Adjourned 7:00 pm

Next meeting Thursday, May 6 2010

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