

**STANLEY SCHOOL PTO Minutes**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2005**

Meeting was called to order by Reid Lyons at 7:05pm. 37 people in attendance

President's Welcome: Introduction of PTO board given by Reid. Reid asked for volunteers for the various committees throughout the coming school year and the introduction of "new blood" to help chair and organize the committees. The board was amazed and grateful for the large turnout and hope it is a continuing trend for this year.

Secretary's report was read and accepted. Motion by Collette B. seconded by Eileen S., Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Motion by Pam H. seconded by Rhonda D.

**Old Business**

Treasurer's Audit: We need to have the audit done by the next meeting, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>. Mike R. and Rich Brenner, to complete.

City Wide PTO Fundraiser: Reid and Mike explained the concept to the members. The event will take place at Brandeis on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> with a cost of \$50 per person. There will be 300 tickets sold between the 7 elementary schools. We are responsible for selling 20. There will be a silent auction, jazz band and food stations. Each school funded seed money of \$500. More details will be sent home to parents soon.

**On-Going Business**

Waltham Day Committee: Cindi B. reports that we will be selling candy and raffle tickets for 2 toy baskets (boy and girl) at the event. We have volunteers and are set to go.

Mayor's Parade: Mr. LeFort has a banner for the children to carry in the parade and he will take care of choosing children and parents to march in the parade.

PTO Membership Drive: Reid would love to have a "banner year" for our drive. A suggestion was made that we put a reminder to join on the "Tidbits". Mr. LeFort explained "Tidbits" to new parents. Member dues have been coming in since the first information went out last week.

PTO Directory: Colette B. has volunteered to do the directory again this year. Colette is looking for all forms to be filled and returned by the end of October. Thank you Colette!

Committee Sign-up: Volunteers are needed for all committees – especially chairpersons. A list of all events held last year was discussed and an explanation was given for what was needed for each and how the committees were formed and volunteers found. Reid would like to present a "Calendar of Events" for 2005 ready for Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**New Business**

Wrapping Paper: Linda Aborn has distributed Genivieve paperwork to all parents and awaiting results. Volunteers needed to help her!

## **Principal's Report**

Dr. Cabrera reported that the Open Houses in August were “fantastic” with “great numbers involved” She thanked the PTO for financial support and urged everyone to check out pictures on the bulletin board.

She reported that the first day of school went great with very little problems. A report showing class sizes was distributed. There are some concerns with the size of the kindergarten class but some student shifting will occur which should bring the sizes down by the end of the month.

A request for babysitting during the PTO meetings was made and Dr. Cabrera contacted Mr. Cox at the high school. He expressed interest in having National Honor students come and help during the meetings. More information to follow soon.

A question was asked about allowing 5<sup>th</sup> graders to choose where they sit during lunch. Dr. Cabrera to investigate. A question about why orange juice is no longer included in daily lunch was asked. Mr. LeFort explained that OJ was not shown on the menu at all times and correspondence should have been sent home by Rhonda Speigal explaining this policy change. He suggested parents contact Rhonda directly.

Dr. Cabrera also addressed a suggestion for a “Before School Program”. She explained that Ed Solutions was licensed to provide the care and a survey will be sent out to parents to see if there is a need. Will hopefully have more information for Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **Open Discussion**

It was suggested that the board will need to put together an emergency dismissal chain. This will be investigated. In the past Room Parents have been responsible to help but a plan should be in writing.

Reggie R. asked if there were a way to have a “Sponsored by PTO” tent made for events. Jen C. will send a note to Ms. Jacobs our Art teacher to ask for her help.

**Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rhonda D., seconded by everybody!. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.**