

**STANLEY PTO MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2006**

Meeting began at 7:10 pm. 27 people in attendance

**President's Welcome:** Reid Lyons welcomed all to the meeting

**Secretary's Report:** Read and accepted motion by Kathy H. Seconded by Brenda N.

**Treasurer's Report:** Read and accepted motion by Eileen S. Seconded by Collette B.

**Updates:**

Dr. Parella reported that an internal posting for the new principal position at Stanley was done last week and an external posting would happen tomorrow. She also stated that Dr. Rosenberg will remain at Stanley as acting principal until the end of June because it will be impossible to hire a new principal before then. The School Council will be appointing a screening committee and any parents interested in serving on the committee should notify a School Committee member. Dr. Paella noted that she would like to see an Hispanic parent on the committee. Dr. Paella also stated that the job description posted stated that a 2<sup>nd</sup> language would be a good asset but not necessary. She also reassured parents that if the right person could not be found by September, the job would be posted again until the right candidate is found. She also stated that U.T. Saunders report would not be made public because there were too many personal issues which could be detrimental to a person

Questions were asked about what the screening committee does and if an internal applicant would have a better chance at the job than an external applicant: They will screen paper applications eliminate those who lack qualifications and then after an interview process they pick their 3 preferences. The final decision is made by Dr. Paella. The committee is comprised of School Committee members, 2 or 3 parents and 2 or 3 teachers. Internal applications do not weigh in more than external applicants unless candidates were equally qualified and then the internal would have an advantage.

**Playground Committee:** Reggie informed us that the committee has had 3 meetings and is of and running. The donation letter is now ready to be mailed to over 800 local businesses and Ward 7 families by the end of May. If anyone has personal ties to any local business and could help solicit donations it would be appreciated. Dr. Rosenberg sent a letter and faculty picture to the Red Sox and Rhonda Dyer is working with a Red Sox contact - everything helps! Spanish translation is now available on the Playground website thanks to Jen Murphy. Tom LeFort is working with the High School print shop with the donation letters and our Pennies for Funway is nearing \$700. A can drive run by the 5<sup>th</sup> graders is starting next week and a Car Wash at Government Center is planned for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A yard sale is also being planned by Jackie for September 9<sup>th</sup>.

All classes have voted on their favorite playground pieces.

**Diversity Committee:** The last meeting for the school year was held on 4/27 unless something urgent comes up. Maria Jiminez introduced an after-school program to be held once a week for any child who wishes to learn a 2<sup>nd</sup> language. MacArthur and Fitzgerald tested the program this year and because the children loved it they will offer it next year. A variety of languages are offered at a price of \$160 for the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 weeks and \$140 for the next 10 weeks. Scholarships are available.

**Teacher's Luncheon:** A huge success, congratulations and thanks to Orit and Sandy and all who contributed food and monitored classrooms

**Field Day:** June 16<sup>th</sup> with the rain date on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Lot's of volunteers are needed and the sign up sheets have been sent home. Permission slips are needed in order for a child to attend so look for it in your child's backpack.

**Scholarship Committee:** 2 selections have been made and their names forwarded to Tom LeFort. The selections will remain anonymous until awards night June 8<sup>th</sup> at the High School. A student from each Banks and Fitch was chosen.

**Citywide Committee:** Amy and Jackie have agreed to help but we will still take more.

**Visiting Artist:** Food Play will be performing on June 6<sup>th</sup> to teach nutrition to our children. Parents are welcome.

**VOTE:** Increase DARTS contribution by \$200 to allow another Stanley student to participate. Passed unanimously.

**VOTE:** Appropriate \$1600 to purchase rugs for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Passed

**VOTE:** Amendment to the By-Laws Article VI, Section 4. Ballot vote to allow 2 votes per family at PTO meetings was chosen.

### **Principal's Report**

Dr. Rosenberg stated that the Teacher's luncheon was fantastic and the amount of work that went into it was incredible.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders displayed their Solar System projects - great work

June 1<sup>st</sup> is Academic and Fine Arts night

Mrs. MaQuiggan's class acted out a court trial of the 3 pigs versus the Big Bad Wolf - a fantastic performance.

30 days left in school which will go by quickly with the amount of tests and field trips scheduled.

Dr. Rosenberg ended by stating that as a united group we are a very powerful group and he hopes it continues

Motion to adjourn: Shane W

Seconded: Brenda N - Meeting adjourned at 8:25