



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 13, 2007, 7 PM
Stanley School Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm with 13 people in attendance.

President's Welcome: Susan McKinney

- Introduction of the 2007-2009 Board: Susan McKinney, President; Colette Casey-Brenner, Vice President; Reid Lyons, Treasurer; Lisa Wise, Recording Secretary; Jennie Scafidi, Corresponding Secretary.
- Acknowledgement and gratitude was given to the out-going Board: Reid Lyons, Kathy Hersey, Jen Caruso, and Cindi Bourque each received a \$50 American Express Gift Check.
- Kindergarten visitation was last week and Kris Scheufele helped out a lot. A welcome package was handed out giving a brief overview of what we did. We also started up an incoming Kindergarten play date group and people have already signed up. We are hopeful to have it out front on our new playground. We will send out a post card instead of word of mouth to get people there. We will be taking money out of the treasury for paying for the post cards.
- We own Margy Donnolly a huge debt of gratitude for all of her efforts on the playground.
- Summer fundraising; Boxtops (especially Marketplace), Red SoxTops through Hood, Shaw's receipts, printer cartridges and cell phones. An information package describing particulars and will be sent via email.
- We have received 2 gifts that can be used as raffles one is a signed book that is on Astronomy and the other one is a gift certificate to Doubletree Guest Suites for brunch for 2. We will use these 2 items for an incentive for membership.
- We are working on a school calendar for next year so that we can populate Fine Arts Night, school pictures, Back to School Night, etc. Jennie Scafidi is going to try and get McDevitt School information to try and avoid conflict.
- As of September all PTO notices will be going home on our new Shrek colored paper.

Recording Secretary's Report (handout): Lisa Wise

- Minutes accepted by Kathy seconded by Kristine with amendments to Principal's report for May.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Jennie Scafidi

- We received many thank you notes for the teacher's luncheon, teacher gifts, and the 1st grade class. The PTO will be donating a book for the library for Janet Connors and Pat Martin as they leave our school at the end of the year. See below for gift for Mrs. Hermanowski.

Treasurer's Report (handout): Reid Lyons

- Treasurer report accepted by Kathy H. seconded by Kris S.
- There was not a lot of change from last month's report to the general operating fund. We currently have \$21K with many expenses to come, the biggest being Field Day. There are also a few bus invoices pending. Reid thinks that we will end up with \$12,219 at the end of the year. Next year we will show the cash flow.

Updates:

1. Playground Committee, Susan McKinney/Lisa Wise
 - We are still on schedule, financially still short by about \$14k but very hopeful. We are working with the city on managing the new parking spaces that will be coming as well as the new turning lane. We want to acknowledge 2K from Royal Cleaners, 1K from Capital Waste and 3K from Hobbs Brook. We will be donating in honor of Mrs. Hermanowski and her retirement.
2. Diversity Committee, Maria Lara-Jimenez
 - No update from the committee available
3. Field Day, Eileen Stanowicz
 - It is this Friday. The children will get animal crackers and popsicles at the field and pizza and Hoodsie cups in the classroom. The company providing the equipment will be arriving at 6am and Shane will be there to meet them. Everyone else will get there for 6:30am to set up. The first group of children (K-2) will be there at 9am so everyone needs to be ready. Jen Caruso and Kathy Leonard will be in the shack handing out assignments. Anyone who has not turned in a volunteer slips are going to be floaters. NO DOGS are allowed at this event. Eileen would like everyone to pass the word that all children should bring water.

Bottles cannot be refilled from the jugs. Mrs. Pertuz will make an announcement at the end of the day on Thursday that the children should arrive with sunscreen on and water bottles ready. The second group of children (3-5) will be arriving at 12:15. The adults that are working will be eating pizza at the shack and there will be water and soda provided.

New Business:

1. Fall Fundraiser, Susan McKinney/Lisa Wise

- We're thinking ahead this year! Many brochures have come in, and we have decided to stick with the wrapping paper so that we're not changing too much. However, we are going to use Sally Foster, which also does Entertainment Books and Gourmet Cookie Dough. The books will go home right after school starts, with the wrapping paper close behind. Cookie dough will follow in the spring. It's appealing because it's a little bit of everything. The plan is to go home the first week of school explaining what we are doing and when and tell parents that they can do all none or just make a straight out donation. We will run the entertainment books for only a 4 day shot with a complete close out of 3 weeks. We will do the wrapping paper a few weeks after that to ensure delivery before Thanksgiving. The cookie dough will be done so that we can ensure delivery before Easter. The other nice thing about the company is that they have online ordering. They also have a loyalty program with partner points in which we can "purchase" items that we can then raffle off.

2. Waltham Day, Jennie Scafidi/Colette Casey-Brenner

- Waltham Day is September 15th; this one comes up really quick. We're going back to the idea of selling penny candy like we did two years ago which worked really well with a few raffle baskets. The application process through the Mayor's office is already in the works. We need people to save that day for help. Please sign up and help.

3. 2007-2008 Committees, Susan McKinney/Colette Casey-Brenner

- There are 3 events that come up early in the year, the Fall Fundraiser, Waltham Day and the Funway Park dedication. The dedication will be here on September 8th and we need to organize over the summer with something like a cook-out party type of an atmosphere. We will have city officials here. We will be sending out formal invitations to certain people, the Mayor, School Committee members, both the City and Ward Councilors.

Postcards will be sent out to everyone who donated. In the fall we are going to look at the committees in the by laws and vote to adjust them.

VOTE: 2007-2008 Budget APPROVED 11 to 2

- We may want to review the by laws that state that we must vote on the budget in June but we may want to change it and vote in April. After quite a long discussion a vote was taken and the budget passed by a majority of the vote.

Principal's Report: Marcia Pertuz

- Tom said to be sure to thank the outgoing board.
- Marcia showed the recent article in the Daily News Tribune about Mrs. McGann's husband who is a paraplegic. He had come into the school to show the children how to use pulleys and get around as a paraplegic.
- Channel 8 was here to take photographs of the cars in the parking lot for a story they are airing tomorrow.
- The Mayor has asked the transportation department to get their act together and presentation to the School Committee at next weeks meeting.
- Marcia said that we have a 5th grader Christine McGill that is a figure skater and would like to be in the Olympic someday. Christine wrote to some of the Olympic figure skaters asking them what books they read and found influential. Once she received the list of the books she purchased and donated them to the school, she also gave a presentation to the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders.
- Tomorrow is Flag Day there is a performance at 10:30am. The 4th graders are folding the Flag, the 2nd graders went to visits the Mayor and she gave each child a flag.
- 5th grade graduation is on Wednesday the 20th 4th grade honors are being given out either on Wednesday the 20th 2pm in the afternoon or Thursday the 21st. Please watch Tidbits to find our more info.

Open Discussion:

- Most of the open discussion occurred during the regular meeting so there was nothing covered.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:55 by Eileen, seconded by Kris.