



**WILLIAM F. STANLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

250 SOUTH STREET, WALTHAM, MA 02453

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 7 PM
Stanley School Cafetorium**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm with 16 people in attendance.

President's Welcome: Colette Casey-Brenner

Welcome to everyone who came out to attend.

Recording Secretary's Report (handout): Lisa Wise

Motion to accept minutes by Christine P. seconded by Kris S. Minutes accepted.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Jennie Scafidi

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (handout): Reid Lyons

Motion to accept report by Christine P. seconded by Mrs. Pertuz. Report accepted.

Library Presentation: Laura Larsson

Laura gave a presentation and is asking the PTO for money for books. The library did not receive its extra spending money again this year. Her budget for the year consisted of \$10/student from the school system. The average cost of a book is \$19. She is requesting \$1500 and would like to ask that this be put on the agenda for a vote for next month.

Updates:

- General, Colette Casey-Brenner
 - Babysitting night was postponed. It will be revisited after Brandeis gets back from break.
 - The Citywide PTO meeting on the 13th is cancelled. No alternate date was provided.
 - Holiday concert and bake sale is coming up on the on the 14th. Snow date is the 18th.
 - Principal's coffee hour will be on the 17th.
 - January 8th is an early release day.
 - January 9th is the next PTO meeting, preceded by the Principal's coffee hour.
 - January 11th is the next movie night. Ratatouille will be shown.
 - RTN will be at school on January 3rd and 17th to collect Cents-ible Saver deposits.
- Snowflakes, Kris Scheufele
 - There are only twenty-five Snowflakes remaining. Things are moving along nicely.
- Bake Sale, Kris Scheufele
 - Forty bakers are lined up for this Friday.
- Holiday Shopping, Eileen Stanowicz
 - We made about 1K after expenses. Things went nicely and there is a lot of stock for next year. This is Eileen's last year doing this. Tom and Marcia congratulated her on a job well done. Christine Power is going to be taking this over for next year.

Principal's Report: Marcia Pertuz

- It's been nice to see the Snowflake gifts come in. The conference room is being kept locked every day. The teachers have taken many snowflakes.
- Holiday Shopping was very nice.
- Staff updates
 - Mrs. Fialkowski is in hospital for surgery at Mass General. There is a sub in the room for the week. Mrs. Keith is the conduit for her to make sure everything is working out well.

- Holly Connolly is the new technology teacher. She is at Stanley Monday-Wednesday.
- Deb Connearney (PDD paraprofessional) is leaving at the end of the year. Mr. Rob is going to come into the PDD program.
- Brenda Wernick is extending maternity leave for the remainder of the year. This has not been approved by the school committee yet. Molly Mazzarini will be taking the class for the rest of the year.
- Kim Cox had her twins just before Thanksgiving. They are at Newton Wellesley and are doing very well.
- One of Mrs. Dufromont's grandchildren (one of the triplets) has passed away.
- The parenting newsletter has a strong team of parents who are reading the letters.
- Last week's National Inclusion Week went very well. There was a great staff of teachers and volunteers who put the schedule together. The theme was "Different But The Same."
- We have finished the Jump Start Program and the school may offer it again. There will be an after school program to focus on math and it will be 2-3 teachers with about 20 children. Children will be identified by their teachers and all of this will help the kids.

Open Discussion:

Laura Larsson thanked the PTO for sponsoring the Sol y Canto show on December 7th.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:38 pm by Christine P. and seconded by Sandy K.