



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

250 SOUTH STREET, WALTHAM, MA 02453

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 7 PM
Stanley School Cafetorium**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm with 18 people in attendance.

President's Welcome: Susan McKinney

Hello to all!

Recording Secretary's Report (handout): Lisa Wise

Motion to accept minutes by Christine P., seconded by Chris H. Minutes accepted.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Jennie Scafidi

We received a thank you note from one of the Snowflake family recipients.

Treasurer's Report (handout): Reid Lyons

Motion to accept report by Christine P. seconded by Susan M. Report accepted.

Updates:

General, Susan McKinney

- Movie night this Friday. There is desperate need for volunteers, mostly to set up.
- Super Sundae is coming up on 2/3.
- The next PTO meeting is on 2/12.
- The cookie dough spring fundraiser notice will go home at end of February.
- Please remember to turn off cars while waiting for students to be picked up.
- Diversity Committee meeting scheduled 1/17 for International Night planning.
- Funway Park update we are awaiting for an additional \$3000 from RCN that may have been tossed away as junk mail.
- The PTO purchased two digital cameras for the teachers along with all of the accessories. Another Teacher Appreciation task that has been brought up by Marcia is having popcorn popped for their early release meetings. It would be nice to find another volunteer who could come in on those days to pop corn.
- Colette and Susan went to a PTO Presidents meeting last week and had a good meeting talking about fundraising and visiting artists. They are talking about collaborating to sell calendars for \$10/each and then have drawings to give away some of the those proceeds, the rest would be divided as profit. A concern was mentioned because a lot of the sports teams are doing this. After discussion, it was decided to consider it for next year as there is too much going on this year as it is.
- The school website is on the way to being completely revamped and should hopefully be ready for a demo for the next PTO meeting. We'll be looking for beta testers before it is rolled out.
- Fundraising: ink cartridges has raised \$42 with another submission ready to go; Shaw's has raised \$46+ with 3 more submissions ready to go of roughly the same amount with another just about ready to go; Boxtops raised \$434; Sally Foster is closed out and raised \$4500+; Amazon.com raised \$84+ in the last quarter of 2007.

Snowflakes, Cindi Bourque

- This year was a huge success. We helped 13 families and each child received several gifts. It was extremely well organized. This is a confidential and personal thing and

volunteers were not necessarily contacted as they would be for other fundraisers. The hope is that this is understood. Hans gave a \$500 donation, The McKinney siblings donated \$\$ that they would have spent on gifts.

Bake Sale, Cindi Bourque

- \$600+ was raised which is excellent considering that the school was closed the day on the day the concert was going to be.

Super Sundae, Colette Casey-Brenner

- February 3rd 12:30-3:30 watch for the flyer to come home we need volunteers and cakes donated.

Principal's Report: Tom LeFort

Happy New Year to all! It boggles my mind that each and every year we get parents who are willing to help out and pitch in. A lot of people do a many things and it takes lots of help to make things go. \$600 for the bake sale is amazing especially considering that it was on a Tuesday instead of Friday. Everyone is sincerely appreciated for all of their efforts and dedication. On behalf of Marcia, the staff and I would like to give everyone a heart felt Thank You! Mrs. Fialkowski is now back from her medical emergency and all is going well.

VOTE: \$1,500 donation to the library voted 18-0 **APPROVED**

Open Discussion:

- Jennie saw at the pick up yesterday a bus was edging its way trying to get through the students while they were standing. After a discussion with teachers this has happened before the same bus driver today was going too fast.
- Colette brought up the issue of the darkness while picking up the students from the after school program. The lights on the island are not working and Tom will look into the issue.
- Susan had a report that there was no crossing guard at the pick up line yesterday. Tom was made aware of this yesterday and called and emailed Officer Frassica and is waiting for a phone call from Anne.
- Lisa brought up the issue of cars being parked in the drop off/pick up line before 8:45 and after 2:45 it appears to be the same car both in the morning and afternoon.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:07 pm by Reid L. and seconded by Cindi B..