

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

Meeting began at 7:05 p.m. 24 People in attendance

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

Secretary's report: Read and accepted motion by Christine Power, seconded by Kris S.

Treasurer's report:

A lively discussion ensued during the treasurer's report about raffles and Funway Park. A debate followed about by law changes due to the raffles money raised being given to Funway Park without a discussion and consensus by PTO; everyone admits to understanding the honorable intention but are concerned that dual fundraising is detrimental to the PTO fund as a whole. Others noted that Funway Park is a one time large inclusive project and that the likelihood of this type of fundraising and its magnitude would be unlikely in the future.

Finally: Report accepted motion by Colette Casey-Brenner, seconded by Orit Biran.

Playground Committee:

Susan McKinney has noted the playground amount has increased due to the poured surfaced that they feel would be a necessary addition to the playground. She has noted 1000\$ has come in from NW Hospital and another 52\$ has been collected in cans. Further fundraising efforts for Funway include: Movie Night and a jeans day for the staff with \$ raised going to Funway. A question was raised by Jenny Scafidi about the color of the poured surface, noting that the blue on the other two small preschool playgrounds are blue and impossible to remove from clothes. Susan noted the issue and said she would go to the company and see what the color is and whether it fades/rubs off or not. She said another mailing to businesses would be going out and is looking for suggestions for other businesses.

International Night:

Maria Jiminez was unable to join us; so it was noted that there was a good crowd, loud fun music, lots of dancing, and tons of food. A good time was had by all and it was successful

Chateau Night; April 25 for the benefit of the Stanley PTO

Teacher's Luncheon: Orit and Sandy have asked again for volunteers to cover the lunch time for the teachers so they can join the festivities. It is usually from 11:45 – 12:45 p.m that coverage is needed. 11:30 would be even better.

Nominating Committee: Nominations forms are being sent out; once nominations are received and tabulated we will be voting at the next May meeting. Please get them in and/or nominate your friends for the PTO Board. It's a rewarding experience.

VOTE: A vote was on the agenda to give the Playground Committee and Funway Park \$5000

Concerns are noted that the agenda was not received until that day not giving people enough time to make a decision to come and vote ; Discussion was brought up about when the agenda was received by the administration, translated, and distributed. Some parents had the agenda and others did not. Rather than cast any unnecessary concerns of the validity of the vote, Reid Lyons tabled it until it could appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Pertuz:

Oragami night was a success and many families attended;
The school and crisis team has been spending time working with the kids and each other to continue to drill Lockdown procedures. Practice makes perfect. The kids are doing wonderfully and it is getting to be a routine procedure. They are working towards a completely surprise lockdown for the school; instead of announcing drills etc. They are pleased with how it is going and continue to fine-tune it. The Readathon to benefit Funway Park was a success.

Open Discussion:

Fifth grade graduation was discussed with a committee/parental meeting in the works. Field day is Friday, June 15th. More discussion began about lockdown and bus procedures during a situation where the staff and children have to leave the school. It was said that the children would all stay together on buses until they were at the high school.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion by Colette, Seconded by Sandy Keisling