



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

250 SOUTH STREET, WALTHAM, MA 02453

**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 9, 2007, 7 PM  
Stanley School Cafetorium**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm with 22 people in attendance.

**President's Welcome: Susan McKinney**

- Great start to the year, membership is ~112 a little below what we budgeted for, but hopefully it will continue to grow.

**Recording Secretary's Report (handout): Lisa Wise**

- A motion was made to accept the report by Eileen S., seconded by Kris S., all aye.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report: Jennie Scafidi**

- We received four thank you notes.

**Treasurer's Report (handout): Reid Lyons**

- A motion was made to accept the report by Christine P., seconded by Rich B., all aye.

**Updates:**

**Waltham Day, Jennie Scafidi**

- Even though the weather was awful, we broke even, bringing in \$145 (\$140 was spent on candy). Thanks to all the volunteers who braved the elements.

**Committees and Volunteers, Jane Solis**

- We received about thirty volunteer forms back. Jane has compiled them into lists. Most of the library volunteers have been notified and have started, many others have been notified. Some committees still need volunteers such as Visiting Artists.

**Diversity Committee, Jane Solis**

- The first meeting occurred on 10/4. The next meeting will be on 11/29, when planning for International Night on 3/28 will begin. The committee is trying to find ways to bring diversity to other committees, such as visiting artists.

**Playground Committee, Susan McKinney**

- Not much has been happening. The plans for the landscaping with the Garden Club is moving forward. A contact was made with a student group at Brandeis who can help with the project. We are looking for donations of loam and plants.

**Fundraising, Susan McKinney**

- We have had a really excellent start to the year.
- The Entertainment Book fundraiser is not quite finished, but it looks like we will close out with around \$1800 in profit. Book return rate was excellent. Brianna Nau in Mrs. Fialkowski's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class won the iPod Shuffle.
- Movie Night brought in \$221, over half of which was profit from selling candy leftover from Waltham Day. Chris Hogan will be doing the next one on 11/2 (showing Monsters, Inc. with the kids encouraged to wear costumes).
- Fall Fundraiser, going home to K-5 on 10/12, preschool will begin going home today due to part-time schedules. The raffle prize will be an iPod Nano with a \$50 iTunes gift card.

- Other fundraisers include the Hannaford Helps Schools coupons, given out if you buy 4 participating products. Coupons are issued at the register and can be turned in at school or at the store near the exit.
- We were officially accepted into the Shaw's rewards program. Send your receipts to school and we can turn them in for 1% back.

### **VOTE FOR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- The vote was tabled until the November PTO meeting.

### **DRAWING FOR MEMBERSHIP RAFFLE**

- Alison Coates won the Entertainment book and brunch for two at the Grille at Hobbs Brook.

### **Principal's Report: Marcia Pertuz**

- The new Safety Patrols have started. Linda Hanley has taken over the supervision of the patrols. Tidbits will be coming home on Thursday. Commonwealth Financial has made a recent donation of much needed supplies as well as game inserts for the Leap Pads they donated last year. After school languages classes have been delayed due to low sign ups. There is no school on October 30<sup>th</sup>; the teachers will be working on the new report cards which are almost done. November 11<sup>th</sup> National Education week. Open house will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> for all grades except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade which will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup>. School improvement plan will be presented to the committee soon. Visiting artists is a wonderful opportunity for the kids and we may want to consider it being an evening or weekend family event.

### **Open Discussion:**

- Please note the calendar of events for October which was on the back of the agenda that went home last week.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spelling Bee will be held at McDevitt on 11/8. Proceeds benefit the Partnership for Youth. They will guarantee a sponsor for a 3-person team from each school. Rich Brenner is interested in putting a team together. If anyone is interested contact Marcia Pertuz ([pertuzm@k12.waltham.ma.us](mailto:pertuzm@k12.waltham.ma.us)) or Susan McKinney ([susan@fffltd.com](mailto:susan@fffltd.com)). They are also allowing each PTO to have a bakesale table. Eileen was under the impression that the bakesale was for McDevitt only, but will check into that.
- Rony Flores has given Susan information and estimates on shelters (for the kids waiting to be picked up at the end of the day). The estimates range from \$3700-\$4300. Both are permanent structures. We have a starting point and Rony will continue to run with it.
- Individual MCAS scores should be coming home within the next week or so.
- The school is participating in the Evening of Giving at the Burlington Mall on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. Tickets are \$10, \$7 goes to Stanley. Contact Kris Scheufele ([kscheufele@comcast.net](mailto:kscheufele@comcast.net)) for more information.
- Tom thanked the parents for being patient over the Wheelock Road issue. They are doing everything they can to get the job done ASAP.
- Susan brought up the babysitting night that Shai B. had mentioned in September. The board had an extensive discussion about actually doing this sometime closer to the holidays. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:12 pm by Tom and seconded by Eileen.