PTO Meeting-Minutes September 14, 2006

Attending: Linda Pompey, Jill Whitcomb, Jacqui Twombley, Susan Perry, Kelly Garofola, Mary Dunphy, Patti Connolly, Susan Hanks, Michelle Proude, Stephanie Peters, Marianne Harte, Lisa Campbell, Geri Calos, Lisa Canavan, Jeannette MacDonald, Cathy Bowes, Sherry Kearns, Gina Froio, Lynda Feeney, Chris Kinnally, Ann Marie Dunn, Linda Neville, Lisa Pickering, Jenn Burke, Jo-Anne Trubia, Kathy Vieira, Kim Fuda, Maria MacIver, Kristin Walsh-Pederson, Deb McCarthy, Doug Brander, and Nancy Sullivan.

Acceptance of minutes: August minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: Linda reported the approx balance incl. outstanding commitments.

Funding Request(s):

1. The Jacob's School-emergency rubber mat request for \$1600.00. (BOD) vote. The actual cost was \$1511.00 for 1600 sq. ft.

Approved

New Business:

- 1. Open Houses are at the JS the 26th, MS the 27th and the HS on the 28th. The PTO wants 2 people at each table for the MS & HS, but 4 people on the Jacob's table with an additional 2 people working the book fair. **See sign-up sheets**
- 2. Lori Perry would like to start a MS & HS incentive program. Any student that makes the honor roll would receive a laminated card with the names of businesses that are participating in the program. Lori would like the PTO to supply the laminated cards and support the program.

 Unanimously approved
- 3. Lynda Feeney & Andrew Stephens have set a 3-5 year goal plan. Lynda came before the PTO expressing their desire to start now & sharing some immediate goals.
- Blue Notes-these will go home every Friday. They'll contain upcoming events, lunch menus and increase communication between home & school. The PTO is encouraged to keep the school informed of events to have placed on the notes.
- In the 7-week gap between Christmas and February vacation, they would like to run a Jasper type of program. They're surveying parents (for talents) and kids (for interests). Ballroom dancing seems to be of interest.
- Pirate Pride will start on Monday. Anyone can nominate anyone for really doing something good (not just holding a door). They want to raise the bar. They would like to have a \$10 gift card given out once a month.
- They want to have a pin or ribbon designed. Any student that makes the honor roll on the 2nd & 4th terms will receive the special school honor.

A motion was made to donate \$100 and spirit bracelets to the MS. Unanimously approved

4. JS needs 20 people for the security desk. They may get a system.

Tabled

Open Issues:

- 1. Endless Summer is on Saturday from 12-6. Also, Marianne will be starting a parents of special needs support group at Wellspring on Mondays from 7-9 pm. **See sign-up sheets**
- 2. Genevieve's starts on 9/15 and runs through 9/29. Delivery will be in early November and we'll try to have pick-up during P/T conferences.
- 3. The MS & HS teacher's breakfasts went great. The JS breakfast will be in the morning. Ann Marie, Chris & Debbie will set this up.

4. Joan MacDonald & Jonathan Ford have set up the dates for the parent workshops. They need 2 volunteers for each date to set up a table with refreshments. If these volunteers could each bring 1 salt and 1 sweet item, Joan will have the drinks. Also, if you have a topic you would like discussed please contact Joan at 925-4043 or jmacdonald@town.hull.ma.us. The dates are 10/17, 11/28, 1/16, 2/13, 3/20, and 4/10.

See sign-up sheets

5. The JS Book Fair is Sept 25-29 with the evening fair on Tues., Sept 26th during the Open House. The MS Book Fair is Oct 16-20 with a tentative date for Wed., Oct. 18th.

See sign-up sheets

- 6. Box & Sox Tops are being collected. We need to make 3 collection boxes and see if we can place them at Town Hall, the Public Library, and the Senior Center. Once this is approved, we'll have a blurb on Cable and the Times
- 7. The Polar Express will not take place this year.

Tabled

- 8. The Cookie Challenge was a great success last year. People are sorry they missed it. We need to have it again. Check Sat., Dec 2nd & 9th for availability.
- 9. The MS & HS summer mailing has raised a total of \$1080.00 from 30 donations.
- 10. We received a check from Friends Of Lillian in the amount of \$3909.23. This will be put towards JS field trips or educational supplements.

Miscellaneous:

Kathy Wasik is seeking volunteers to help paint the computer lab on 9/19 (no school). She has all the supplies and just needs the people. **See sign-up sheets**

Jimmy & Paula O'Brien would like to serve a thank you lunch to the JS staff for all they had to go through to open their classrooms on 9/11. They're asking the PTO to supply drinks, dessert, and help.

See sign-up sheets

Mary Dunphy (MS librarian) wants to create a "Giving Tree". There are a lot of books that kids who don't like to read would love. This will be talked up at open house & blue notes. She just wants us to know. It's been suggested to make this a system wide program.

Meeting adjourned