

PTO Meeting-Minutes March 12, 2009

Attending: AnnMarie Dunn, Sherry Kearns, Linda Neville, Lisa Campbell, Deb McCarthy, Ann Connelly, Susan Hanks, Maria MacIver, Jane Marcella, Linda Pompey, Joan MacDonald, Chris Kinnally, Cathy Bowes, Cynthia Kellem, Tommye Reed, Barbara Lahage, Terry Brady, Damien & Mary Curtis, Dan Johnson, and Nancy Sullivan

Acceptance of minutes: January minutes approved

Treasurer's Report: the approx balance was reported.

Funding Request(s):

JS- Laura Maxwell requesting PTO backing to Implement Spirit Fridays. Need more info **Tabled**

MS- none

HS- Rose Papuga is requesting \$187.50 (1/2 bus) to MFA for 45 students. **Unanimous**

Joe Doniger is requesting \$500 for Suessical Jr. & \$1000 for Broadway 2009 **Unanimous**

BOD Votes: JS Read Across America (\$200) & HS DECA State Leadership (\$425.50) **Approved**

Open Issues:

- JS Book Fair-more than 10% increase from the spring fair. PTO profit was \$3459.73. The Read-a-thon had a total profit of \$3607.95 with over 55,000 minutes read.
- MS Book Fair-ongoing
- March Madness-the staff would prefer a volleyball tournament & planning for the end of April.
- Movie Night-K-2 (1st floor) with Madagascar 2 & 3-5 (2nd floor) with Wall-E. A fun night!
- Cook Books & MALI **Tabled**
- Council updates
 - HS-program of study, transition for new principal, budget. Will take back to the council to invite 8th grade parents to attend a future meeting.
 - MS-5th grade parents were invited to attend, budget & add backs, 32.9 students/class with teachers teaching 20% outside of content due to cuts, extend class periods to 60 minutes, & 5th Orientation
 - JS- reviewed SIP
 - District Council-need to coordinate

New Business:

- Arts Alive **Tabled**
- Scholarship 2009-retired teachers would like to be the selection committee
- Friends of Hull Public Library- gave a presentation stressing the importance of remaining open or there's no OCLN (37 libraries with over 2 million items in their inventory), museum passes, computers with internet access for job searching etc. They will request a line item (610) transfer during Town Meeting requesting money from the Capital Improvement line (780). It's a state law that public libraries cannot ask for fees.
- School Committee-neither budget is perfect. Recognize the value the PTO brings. It's appreciated & respected. Encourage all parents & members to e-mail or call to voice what's important to them. The PTO would like an informational Q & A night to inform us (off camera) of the direct impacts for budget A & B. Send an FYI e-mail informing members that Garrett Bradley will be at the next SchoolCom meeting.

Thank you-Laura Maxwell, recess monitor, for the grade level gym bags.

Meeting Adjourned

The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 8th at 7pm in the JS Library