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Orleans School Committee

May 17, 2010

Orleans Elementary School, Library

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Present for the Committee: Chair Jordan, Mary Lyttle, Fred Walters, and Gwen Guzzeau

Present for the Administration: Asst. Supt. Gail Briere, Principal Carreiro, and Hans Baumhauer, Business Manager

Other: Town Officials, Margie Fulcher and John Hodgson

Call to Order – Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Recognitions –

Asst. Supt. Gail Briere recognized Dolly Howell, President of the Friends of Pleasant Bay, who awarded Orleans Elementary School with a grant for \$4,800 for 2010-11. In total, the school has received \$17,250 in grants and grade 3 students have benefitted tremendously from the educational opportunities provided by the generosity of The Friends of Pleasant Bay. Dolly Howell was in the audience and addressed the committee indicating how pleased they are to see the outcomes from their grant awards.

Principal Carreiro recognized Laura George and Sheila Walsh, the new secretaries at Orleans Elementary, for their graciousness, good cheer, professionalism, and persistent effort as they progress together through their first year at Orleans Elementary School.

Principal Carreiro also recognized the OES parents for their outstanding support of education, students and staff members.

On a motion by Mary Lyttle, seconded by Gwen Guzzeau, it was voted to accept the donations from the Friends of Pleasant Bay for \$4,800 and from the PTC for \$500.

Administrators' Reports-

Principal Carreiro asked the Committee whether or not they would support a playground project for Orleans Elementary School. It was the consensus of the Committee that they would support the project but would like to know what the costs would be, use of money in playground account for a feasibility study, and fundraising proposed for the project. It was suggested by Chairman Jordan that a PTC committee be formed to move this forward and bring a report back to the School Committee. Margie Fulcher stated she would look into the Community Preservation Act and would also help in any way that she can. Principal Carreiro indicated she will go back to the PTC, map out steps, fundraising and bring it back to the Committee. Asst. Supt. Briere suggested that equipment for younger children be included in the plans as the school needs to be compliant for accreditation.

Principal Carreiro continued her report with events happening with the Medieval Theme beginning June 1st and running through June 22nd. Mary Ellen Reed was also recognized for obtaining a refurbished computer that was provided to a family in need by the Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. The Orleans Kids' Council is surveying the students regarding playground equipment and will solicit a donation from the PTC to purchase some new equipment. The Health and Wellness Committee is getting lots of help from Mrs. Kim vonThaden in giving students an opportunity to taste different foods, through the Slow Foods Movement. The Challenge to the Bridge Project was a huge success as staff and students walked many miles for a week to promote physical fitness and wellness.

Principal Carreiro indicated that presently 28 kindergarten students have registered at Orleans Elementary School, which means 2 classes.

FY10 Budget Update –

Mr. Baumhauer noted final transfers will be brought to the next meeting for school committee approval.

