

AA Cole PTO Meeting
September 9, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting agenda and attendance sheet distributed

Introductions of officers and PTO members

June Minutes: Motion to waive the reading of the minutes made by Christal Lovell second by Mr. Bowden. Motion approved by all.

Treasurers Report: Report distributed by Kirstin King and discussed. Motion to accept the treasures report made by Christal Lovell second by Rochelle Davis. Motion approved by all.

2008/2009 BUDGET: Motion to carry over budget and line items from 2007/2008 to 2008/2009 made by Christal Lovell second by Tammy Mallette. Motion approved by all.

Fundraisers for 2008-2009: The first fundraiser in the fall will be bulbs, candles and pizza through Steve Co. Packets should be going home with the kids the third week of September. The focus for the first fundraiser will be technology for our school.

Events: A spaghetti dinner fundraiser was discussed in place of the craft fair. The dinner will be held in November.

Bingo for Books has been scheduled for Friday, October 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

School Photos: Inter-State Studio Photography will be at A.A. Cole on Wednesday, October 15, 2008 and Thursday, October 16, 2008 to take school photos. Flyers will be going home with the children on September 25, 2008.

Publishing Center: PTO would like to let the teachers know that our publishing center is up and running. They may contact Janet Boughton for details. We will need volunteers to help type and bind the books.

Teacher Requests: Kelly Nugent would like to purchase a new flat screen monitor for the library out of the library funds. Motion for the purchase of the monitor (up to \$250.00) made by Tammy Mallette, second by James Sandford. Motion approved by all.

Mr. Sandford (5th Grade teacher) presented a proposal for the 5th Grade year end event. The 5th graders will be traveling to Rochester to the Strong National Museum of Play and the Seneca Park Zoo on June 4, 2008 and returning on June 5, 2008 around 3:15 p.m. The total cost for the trip is \$2,685.00. Mr. Sandford has ideas for 5th Grade fundraisers to help with the cost of the trip. He has also spoken with Sue Divirgilio about helping to fund some of the trip. The PTO budgeted \$600.00 for the 5th Grade year end party and advised Mr. Sandford of those funds. Motion to accept trip and costs of for the 5th Grade year end event made by Rochelle Davis second by Ed Lueck. Motion approved by all.

Principal News: Construction at Cole is nearing completion. Hats off to all of the teachers who stepped up to get their rooms ready in time for the first day of school. The roof has been done, new tile placed in several areas of the school, all asbestos removed, plumbing has been replaced and the crawl space below the school had drainage added.

Open House/Meet the Teacher is set for Thursday, September 18, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please welcome all of our new staff to our building.

PTO had voted in the spring to purchase Smart Classrooms which consists of a smartboard, an elmo camera, projector, blue tooth and software. The smartboard allows the teachers and students to interact with the board (which is similar to a giant white dry erase board). The equipment works in conjunction with a computer in the classroom.

Mr. Bowden in conjunction with Paul Welch and a company called CWD-G (www.cdwg.com) have set up a seed program where we would receive Promethean Active White Boards and projectors to use for two months, and if we decide we want to keep the equipment, CWD-G would sell them to us for half price. The board is 72 inches, the projector attached to the board and the board raises and lowers.

The fourth grade classrooms will be receiving the Promethean Active White Boards and projectors, along with the computer lab. Ms. Nugent will also be receiving one for the library.

The computer lab has been re-done.

N Computing Company is offering Cole a trial use of a computer with software that turns one computer into as many as five workstations that work just like regular computers without the need for five separate CPUs. We will also be getting a few new computers ahead of schedule so that we can take advantage of the trial by N Computing Company.

Misc:

Committee Signups were posted at the meeting.

All PTO meetings for 2008/2009 will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month with the exception of October.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Strong
Recording Secretary