

**A.A. Cole PTO Meeting
October 2007**

Meeting called to order - 4:02pm

Present: Kim Fabianek, Roxane Baumbach, Andrea Bisson, Kelly Nugent, Valerie White, Rochelle Davis, Lisa Toleson, Steve Krisak, Christal Lovell, Lee Dunham, Michele Domachowske, Sheri Strong, Janet Boughton, Cindy Ketchum, Janine Batchelor, Susan DiVirgilio, Brent Bowden, Paul Welch, Ann Wright, Melanie Wheeler

Reading of September minutes: Waved first by Mr. Bowden, second by Christal Lovell

Committee update: Bulb and candle fundraiser went extremely well. Our school raised approximately \$6000; therefore our profit should be around \$2700. The Craft Fair, which is slated for November 17th, is moving right along. Chairperson, Rochelle Davis has most of the advertising completed, and flyers have been circulated around the community. Applications for table space are still trickling in.

Treasurer's report: Insurance for PTO paid out in the amount of \$250. Motion made to accept budget- first by Christal Lovell, second by Rochelle Davis.

Arts-In- education: Mrs. DiVirgilio explained the program. Arts-In-Education is a statewide program that is administered locally by Oswego County BOCES. In a nutshell, whatever we spend (PTO donates) this year, we will be reimbursed 80% next year. In the 2nd year of the program, we will be reimbursed 80% of the 80%. Almost every single field trip that we take, or program that we bring in to the school is eligible for payment through Arts-In-Ed. We try to make sure that each grade level goes on two field trips outside the district. There are also groups and entertainers that come into our school for performances. Currently, the Merry Go Round Playhouse theatre group is working with our students.

Nature trail update: 16 pieces of 4x4x4 pressure treated wood at Vellas has been paid for. Kirsten King agreed to pick up the wood. Roxane or Kim will check with Paul Brissette regarding the metal bench tops. Roxane is working on gathering volunteers to help out on October 20th if all the benches come in. If not, she will decide on a date this spring.

Publishing center: Teachers have been notified that the publishing center is up and running. PTO encourages students to send their writing pieces to the center so that our volunteers can make them into books. Andrea Bisson has agreed to train volunteers on the art of book making and they may schedule a time with her at the next PTO meeting.

Movie night: The first movie night of the school year is scheduled for Friday, October 26th. Meet The Robinsons will be shown. We will open the school doors at 5:30pm for seating and our admission price is \$2.00.

BOOK FAIR: The materials for the Book Fair will be delivered the morning of October 26th., therefore it will be open for movie night. At the moment, we are still looking for a room to set up the display. The Book Fair will be open mornings and afternoons for purchases. Students will be allowed browsing time during school hours and it will be open until November 7th.

5th GRADE YEAR END COMMITTEE: They are attempting to find something exciting that they can do for the 5th graders for years to come. The committee does need to raise money for class trip. The 5th graders will be touring the middle school towards the end of the school year and they will also have a visit from some of the middle school teachers. It would be nice if the students earned some of the money for their field trip on their own so that it would mean more to them. Possible fundraisers: spaghetti dinner, rotisserie meal, and PTO store.

DISTRICT PTO NEWS: Mrs. Fabianek and Mrs. Baumbach were in attendance at the last meeting. Topics discussed were health and wellness, safety issues, and grade transitions.

TEACHER REQUESTS: Mrs. Towne the new music teacher requested a TV swing bar to mount in her room, which will cost approximately \$110. Christal Lovell motion to accept, second by Michele Domachowske.

OLD NEWS/NEW NEWS: None

PRINCIPAL NEWS: Site Team meets the first Thursday of every month form 4-5pm. This is mandatory at every building in the district. Two parent representatives are needed, and we only have one-Kathy Kelley. Jamie Humez volunteered to be the other parent rep.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 5:00pm