

CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2010

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by the PTO President at 7:09 PM on January 20, 2010 in the media center of the Henry W. Moore School.

ATTENDEES:

An attendance list is available.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Artist in Residence:

- Per Maria Gleason and Nancy Maloney, they would like to target grades 6 & 7 every year for the Artist in Residence program. It would be interdisciplinary and encompass several subjects. Since grades 6-7 students can do more advanced art and these classes don't have a significant field trip during the year, the Artist in Residence program would be ideal for this grade level. Mrs. Gleason is looking into ideas; perhaps a fused glass project with the Currier Art Museum. The PTO budgets \$3000.00 for Artist in Residence each year.
- For the younger grades, an author or a musician would still be applicable.
- There is currently an artist in residence in the music department who plays bell chimes; the PTO agreed to fund this for \$200.00 as part of the Artist in Residence program.

Movie Night – Friday, Jan 22: Movie is “Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs”. Catherine will send an email reminder to parents about this.

Afterschool Craft – Feb 9 & 10: We will have three crafts (valentine, winter and/or Read Across America). Tami, Emily and Catherine will each organize a craft. The crafts have been very successful and fun for the students but very crowded. For this craft, we will send the permission one week in advance and limit it to 35 students. Hopefully, this will make it more manageable for the volunteers. For the April craft, Mrs. Maloney mentioned that we could do animal stencils in preparation for Agricultural Day. Agricultural Day is currently scheduled for May 5.

Read Across America Week: Mary Hogan and Mrs. Morenz are organizing this week-long celebration of reading. The PTO will do the milk and cookie night. Current ideas are book bingo for grades 1-6, a book swap, read-a-thon in rocking chairs, principal corner at Barnes & Noble. The PTO budgets \$1000.00 for this event.

Spring Fundraiser: Mr. St Cyr would like to do a bingo night. Each class would donate a basket for the bingo prizes.

Spirit Day: No date yet. The PTO will organize a committee meeting in February or March.

Website: Website is up-to-date. If you have any changes or suggestions, please let Catherine know.

Other Topics:

- **Copy Center:** There is an office outlet store in Deerfield, about 5 miles after the Deerfield parade ground. We may be able to find a deal on copy paper.
- **Then & Now program:** The 4th grade has the “then and now” program which we supported last

year. There will be a presentation at Curriculum night. Mrs. Maloney asked if we would support 2 buses for 2 days next year. Yes, we could fund up to \$300.00 via the Field Trip Grants for the Unified Arts.

- **Dental program:** If anyone is available to volunteer during the school day on Monday, January 25 for the dental program, please let Mrs. Jawidzik or Mrs. Maloney know.
- **Babysitting program:** A babysitting program this year for grades 5 – 8 will be offered after school.
- **Bicycle Helmet:** If you would like your child to purchase or be fitted for a bicycle helmet, please contact Mrs. Maloney. Cost is roughly \$8 and \$11.
- **Programs for Grades 3 – 5:** We talked about fun events to organize for students in grades 3-5. Perhaps a movie in the gym, a movie night at the movie theater, a dance, karaoke, or bingo. Mrs. Raiche will do a survey and find out what the students would enjoy.
- **School District Treasurer:** Emily Roster is running for this position!
- **Ideas to increase PTO meeting attendance:** The PTO would like to get more PTO members to attend the PTO meetings. We discussed a few ideas including meeting at 3 PM and 7 PM and soliciting a club to visit the PTO to give a presentation.

Public Input:

- None to report

REGULAR BUSINESS

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report (meeting minutes of 11/10/2009) was accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted as printed; rows are offset by one.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10 at 7PM in the media center.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Sangillo