

CANDIA PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2010

OPENING:

The meeting was called to order by the PTO President at 7:06 PM on February 10, 2010 in the media center of the Henry W. Moore School.

ATTENDEES:

An attendance list is available.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Read Across America Week:

- **Milk and Cookie Night:** Milk and Cookie Night will be Thursday, March 4th and will start at 6:30pm. The PTO will set up and organize this event; milk ordered thru Mrs. Carbone; cookies and treats provided by PTO bakers. Catherine will email the baker's list (first email the week before vacation and then a reminder email the Monday we get back).
- **Events:** Several events are planned for this week-long event, including:
 - Book Bingo: Date TBA
 - Rocking Readers: Date TBA
 - Milk and Cookies Night: Thursday, March 4th 6:30-8:00 ish
 - Favorite book or author door decorating contest
 - Book Swap: Friday, March 5th
 - Wacky Wednesday: Wednesday, March 3rd
 - Guest Readers throughout the week

4-6th Grade After School Activity: Mrs. Raiche did a class survey to see what events this grade level might be interested in. 7 voted for a dance; 6 voted for a movie and 1 for karaoke. We might consider doing a movie after-school on March 12 for grades 4-6. A K-3 movie night is scheduled for this day so the gym will already be set up. Emily will talk to Mr. St Cyr about this.

Barnes and Noble Book Fair: Tami contacted B&N and dates that are being considered, but not finalized, are May 13 and April 17. This event is a fundraiser at Barnes & Noble. Students performances and a Principal Corner (story reading) will be organized. Our school will earn a percentage of the book fair sales. Online purchasing is also available.

5K Road Race: The 5K is tentatively scheduled for May 22nd. Approval needs to go through the Board of Selectmen and the Police department. This will be an officially timed 5K. Sponsors, t-shirts, goodie bags, water stops, food, and tables will be organized. This is a significant event to plan so we will form a committee to focus on this. Catherine will send an email to PTO members to see if anyone is interested in volunteering for this committee.

Mother's/Father's Day Gifts: In the past, we have sold bookmarks, key chains, and other items that parent's might like. This year we are considering pictures in magnetic frame. Emily will look into the cost of buying magnetic frames online.

Movie Night – March 12: Another movie night is scheduled for March 12. Movie TBD. We are going to skip the raffle this time as we don't always have enough volunteers to run the raffle appropriately.

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

Public Input

- **Memorial Garden:** A 6th grader is planning on creating a Memorial Garden at the Moore School in remembrance of two students who have passed away.
- **Humane Education:** Mrs. Lindsey is organizing a school & community event on Humane Education to “Help create a humane, sustainable, peaceful world for all people, animals and the planet”. The event will take place on Thursday, April 8; a speaker will be at the Moore School in the morning to speak to grades 6, 7 & 8; and there will also be a community event at 7PM that evening.
- **Ideas to get more PTO involvement:** A member suggested having room mothers for each classroom. These room mothers would report to the PTO meeting about what is going on each classroom.
- **New Fundraiser-Gift Cards:** The PTO is considering a new fundraiser that is designed for non-profits. Parents can buy gift cards to participating stores (like LLBean, restaurants, gas cards, etc.) and our school will receive a percentage of the proceeds. We have a PTO member who is willing to organize and start this program. A few members of the PTO will do a follow-up meeting after school to discuss this program.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Secretary’s Report: The secretary's report (meeting minutes of 01/20/2010) was accepted as printed.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was accepted as printed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 10 at 7PM in the media center.

Minutes submitted by: Catherine Sangillo