EVS PTA MEETING October 8, 2009

MEETING PARTICIPANTS Maura Bates, Cathy Sullivan, Becca Bates, Kris Briand, Jennifer Seiler, Kristen Anderson, Ann Silverstein, Liz Rizzo, Tina Nadeau, Babben Kulbacki, Penny May, Richard Crate, Jr., Barbara Sturgill, Robert Allen, Sarah Schneider, Tracy Cacciatore, Jen Duby, Wendy McCarthy, Julie Weiss, Justin Benna, Pat Neily

CALL TO ORDER

President Kris Briand called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary/Principal's Report

Minutes of September PTA Meeting presented by Justin Benna.

Motion to accept by Sarah Schneider.

Second by Liz Rizzo.

Treasurer's Report

Kristin Barnum couldn't be with us at our meeting, however, she prepared a report for the membership.

12,065. in our ING Account.

13,659. in our Mascoma Savings Account.

Motion to accept by Jen Seiler.

Second by Julie Weiss.

Membership/Website Report

Jen Seiler presented a written report. Jen discussed each item on the report.

NEW BUSINESS

Math Club Proposal

Given the popularity of the Math Club Program implemented last year, Becca and Kris are proposing programming for this school year. The club would involve 2 eight-week sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring. The goal is to work with as many students is possible. Sessions would be designated for groupings of Grades 1-2 and Grades 3-4.

The costs of the proposal include:

\$400 – personnel for program coordination/facilitation

\$320 – personnel for program assistance

\$100 - program supplies (\$50 per session)

Motion to expend \$820 for the math club made by Tracy Cacciatore. Seconded by Dick Crate.

Approved unanimously.

Youth Beats program with Rich Regione

Kris Briand presented a proposal to implement the "Youth Beats" afterschool program. Rich Reggione, a national touring professional drummer, will be facilitating a 12 week after school enrichment program for students in grades 1-4. The program "builds creative expression through the use of percussion instruments." Details of the program were explained. The program will run mid-January through mid-April.

The executive committee met and approved moving forward with this program.

Reading Program Proposal

Ann Silverstein presented a proposal to request funds for Lunch Group Book Group books. Ann and Susan lead voluntary student reading groups. The books are read at home and discussed at school at lunch time. The request is for \$300 to purchase five sets of books.

Motion to expend \$300 for Lunch Group Books made by Tina Nadeau. Seconded by Dick Crate and Tracy Cacciatore.

Approved unanimously.

Book Fair Volunteers

Ann Silverstein asked participants to consider volunteering for the EVS Book Fair. A sign up sheet was circulated.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Fundraising

Tracy Cacciatore presented a report of our fall fundraiser. Silicon cupcake liners were a big hit. Magazines were a good seller. The snowman snack platters rounded out the top three big sellers in our fall fundraiser.

EVS profit for the fundraiser is \$6582.40

Meeting participants thanked Tracy for her efforts in organizing the fall fundraiser and congratulated her and our students and their families for a job well done.

Ideas were shared about possible fundraiser options. There was general discussion regarding timing of fundraisers to overlap with times when families may be traveling.

Claudette Peck suggested that the fundraising chairs for parent organizations at EVS, CES and IRS meet in the spring to coordinate fundraising efforts and avoid duplication.

Kris encouraged members to continue thinking about ideas.

Family Fun Night

Karen shared a draft of a flyer for our October Family Fun Night. This will go out to kids and posted around school. Copies will be available for Open House.

There was discussion regarding activity and prizes. Karen passed around a sheet with ideas and for volunteers. Jen suggested the Volunteer Coordinator will help to organize helpers. Participants talked about the items we already have and how we can help.

Ideas include:

DJ/Dancing

Picture Station (need stickers, pipe cleaners and glue sticks)

Incredible Hulk Station (activity)

Potato Sack Race (Tina has 20 mint condition potato sacks)

Bean Bag Toss

Costume Station (box of clothes/costume items for kids to try on)

Limbo? Macarena? Chicken Dance?

Vendor Fair

"Sweets and Shopping Saturday" Liz reported an update on the Vendor Fair happening October 24th from 9-3 at the Enfield Community Building. We have 5 confirmed vendors with four more pending. If anyone knows a vendor interested in participating please contact Liz: lizriz1966@yahoo.com

Liz wondered if PTA would be interested in having an information table. She also wondered about a volunteer to help coordinate the raffle.

Claudette suggested advertising at the transfer station, the soccer games on Saturday morning, and at the Enfield Farmers' Market.

Conference Information

The New Hampshire State PTA Conference is in November. We will be recognized for our membership award on Saturday evening. Lifetime members will also be recognized.

If anyone is interested in participating, Kris needs to know ASAP.

Member participants talked about other ideas for celebrating the transfer station guys efforts. We will honor them at our December meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Open House

October 15th, 5:30-6:30PM

Update of Bylaw Information and Lifetime Membership Awards

Have been sent to the State PTA, but we have not heard back from that office.

Coordination of Parent Groups

Babben Kulbacki talked about the importance – and ideas to facilitate – increase of communication between the parent groups of the Mascoma Valley Regional schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05