

## PTO Meeting Minutes 5/28/09

### Attendance:

Amy Furlong	Francine Bernstein
Cheryl Fritzlo	Melissa Katz
Mary Cagnetta	Karen Carapezzi
Deneen Gatto	Gladden Falivene
Jodi Scheiner	Cecilia Beisler
Doreen Devine Hogan	Nadine Familo
Diana Horan	Julie Hoffman
Carolann Catania	MaryBeth Stefurak
Brenda Cordoza	Suzanne DiSturco
Michele Pento	Gina Huang
Lisa Wegletner	

### Karen Carapezzi:

1. Recycling Fundraiser: Donate your old cell phones, IPOD's and other electronic equipment through 6/15/09. Look for the green box in the atrium. This will not be a huge moneymaker, but every little bit helps.
2. Blood Drive: A success. Thirty-six people tried to donate and 17 people were able to give blood.
3. Field Day: Look for information in your child's backpack. Volunteers should arrive at 8:45 and bring 20 water balloons. PTO requests each family donate a gallon of water. Be reminded to apply bug spray and suntan lotion and dress your child in the "Proud To Be An American" t-shirt. Water games for grades 3-5 – so please bring a towel.
4. School Kits forms: To be sent home in the backpacks shortly.
5. S.O.S. forms will be e-blasted.
6. Homeroom Parents: The selection of homeroom parents will change for next year. The nominating committee in conjunction with the PTO Presidents will select the homeroom parents rather than a separate committee. Parents who have not had the opportunity to serve as a "homeroom parent" will have priority.
7. Budget:
  - a. Smart Board Donation: This year, instead of giving each teacher a \$50.00 stipend, we will donate one smart board. It is expected that this smart board will be placed in the last 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom (which will complete this grade).
  - b. Additional Fund Raising: We will hold some outside fundraising campaigns specifically to raise money for smart boards (to include our Holiday Bazaar and Kid Stuff Books).
  - c. Donation Campaign: We will continue to run this campaign, but rather begin in June and run through the early part of the school year for families that would like to give early. Credit cards are accepted.
  - d. PTO members approved the budget.

Mr. Kimmick:

1. Thanks to everyone on the Executive Board and PTO for a great year. We truly appreciate all the support.
2. Teacher moves: On Tuesday, the Board of Education approved the following teacher moves:
  - a. Mrs. Azzari is pregnant and will go to Central School.
  - b. Mrs. Leonard is moving to a basic skills position for ALT.
  - c. Mrs. Schaefer is moving from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Kindergarten.
  - d. Ms.Lenci: The current 1<sup>st</sup> grade will have 38 students. We will be going from 3 classes to 2 classes therefore Ms. Lenci is moving to Woodland. If we have more 1<sup>st</sup> grade enrollment and need a third section Mrs. Lenci will return to Mt. Horeb.
  - e. The incoming kindergarten will have 3 sections. Thirty-eight students plus Mrs. Howell's 10 students.
  - f. The total enrollment to date is approximately 315 students. We have declined 80 students in 3 years. The Board of Education is watching the student numbers carefully. If additional classes are needed based on student enrollment the Board of Education will add another section.
  - g. Fifth grade classes will still switch classrooms for different subjects.
3. Character Education Survey: In early June, grades 3-5 will take a Character Education Survey sponsored by Rutgers University. Rutgers will score the surveys to determine what, if any, areas require additional attention. Parents can request that their child not participate in the survey.
4. NJ ASK Testing: After 3 weeks of testing, the testing is complete. Results expected after the end of the school year.
5. Mt. Horeb is Going Green. Please sign-up for e-blasts through the school. Most memos will be sent via the Internet. Only paperwork that needs to be signed will be sent home (as hard-copies) in the backpack.