

NELSON PLACE PTO MEETING MINUTES      May 19, 2010

President Debora Connor opened the meeting at 7:05pm

Motion to accept the April PTO minutes approved.

Miscellaneous News: Vote for 2010-2011 PTO officers are pending, currently all officer positions are open, no names have been submitted. Voting for officers will be deferred until September. Ballots may be dropped in main office. Committee leaders also needed for Fundraising, Enrichment, Ice-Cream and Spree Day.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report accepted.

Family Night: at Worcester Tornados: Meg Mulhern not present, Debora Connor spoke on her behalf. Tshirt orders are in, no report as to when they will be delivered.

Fundraising: Deb Steigman: Plan for large fundraiser in the fall with goal to make \$10,000.00 for total fundraising. Last year Yankee Candle raised \$6,900.00 in profits along with \$250.00 cash donation. In fall of 2008 about the same profit with Sally Foster and wrapping paper. Art work fundraiser yielded about \$3,000.00. Entertainment books yielded \$2,600.00 profit. Plan is to do Entertainment books again next year. Sally Foster has bonus gifts/points which were estimated at \$600.00 last year. Ballots provided to meeting members to vote on fundraising preference. Options include Yankee Candle, Cookie Dough, Other Frozen Food Group, Wrapping Paper; also open for suggestions.

TRIPP: Jill Andros: June 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-2:45 pm will be the Carnival for all eligible students. Invitations have gone out. Donations and volunteers needed.

Hospitality: Deb Steigman: Teacher Appreciation Week was a success-50 volunteers contributed. Kindergarten Open House is scheduled for June 2, 2010.

Library: Peggy Harris: Library closes June 4, 2010- All books are due by closing.

Student Activity: Eileen Gallagher: Spree Day is scheduled for June 11, 2010. Volunteer slips have been sent out and many have been returned. The schedule is pending. There will be free hotdogs, chips, and milk for the students. Donations coming in, questionable if Austin Liquor will donate ice and water as they have in previous years.

Enrichment: Gretchen Switzer: Speakers from May were a success including Kim Bent and John from Mass Commission for the Blind. Speaker coming in on 5/20/10 to speak to kindergarten classes about polar bears and adaptations.

Scholastic Book Fair: Library book purchasing underway from profits of Book Fair; \$3,500.00 spent on reference books- balance is \$3,400.00.

CPPAC: Deb Steigman: First Tuesday in June Dr. Boone is scheduled to speak at the meeting. Agenda includes budget and review of city wide transition meetings. Other schools interested in creating active PTO's may shadow Nelson Place.

Stand For Children: Mike Kozlowski: Stand continues to lobby both city council and State Legislature for money.

Old Business:

Playground: Inspection was done in August 2009- should be done annually; will be due August 2010.

Ms. Quitadamo/Poetry Books: 175 poems collected school wide, all were printed and are now for sale for \$10.00 each with profits to go to Hole in the Wall Gang; also to help Belmont St. Community School. Request from 4<sup>th</sup> grade student in Ms. Quitadamo's class read to PTO, requested PTO to purchase poetry books for Nelson Place library, Belmont St. Community School library, and Hole in the Wall Gang. So far 130 books have been sold, 250 books were printed. Vote was taken; 3 books purchased for Nelson Place Library, 4 books purchased for both Hole in the Wall Gang and Belmont St Community School Library.

Mr. Kelley's Report: Plan for master schedule to sent out within the next week for all upcoming events.

June 2, there will be no kindergarten for current kindergarteners and preschoolers due to Open House.

Congratulations to Gretchen Switzer who received this years Thomas Jefferson Award. Formal ceremony to be held at Worcester Technical High School.

Memorial Day Program is scheduled for May 28, 2010.

Mrs. Racine is scheduled to return to work on May 24, 2010.

Nancy Billings, Curriculum Coach, will be starting with Nelson Place in September.

Mrs. Skeates and Mrs. McGrath were both recognized and thanked by Mr. Kelley, they have both been displaced for school year 2010-2011. Also, Ms. Loftus was recognized and thanked for her contributions as Asst. Principal at Nelson Place ; she too, will be moving on next year.

Appreciation Certificates were given to all volunteers.

A special thanks to Tammy Endow, Mike Malley, and Mike Kozlowski as they will be graduating PTO as their kids graduate Nelson Place.

Refreshments and snacks served on behalf of the teaching staff at Nelson Place.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Vigeant