

**DELANCO PTO
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2014 MEETING**

7:37p.m. meeting was called to order by President Ruth Esposito. There were 25 members in attendance.

Introductions: by Ruth Esposito

Secretary's Report: Secretary Jaime Nucifora presented the September Secretary's Report for circulation to the members.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was provided by Tracey Hamlin, Treasurer, and circulated. The balance as of today is \$\$3,687.11.

OLD BUSINESS

KidStuff Books: Tracy Easton reported the books or money were due back 9/19. Some have not been returned and she has sent notices to those families. This fundraiser brought in \$3,525, half of which goes to the PTO.

Membership: 2-Wallace, 3-Guckin and 6-Farley won ice cream parties for largest percentage of members.

Book Fair: Thanks to M. Braun, K. Fowler, AM. O'Malley, and K. Atkinson for volunteering at the book fair. We do not hold a book fair at WSS, we can consider this for the future. With the book fair credit, Miss Lipinski orders books the kids have asked for. The book fair sold out, and it was also available online with class credit.

Back to School Nights: R. Cirillo and T. Hamlin assisted at Pearson. Pearson had a great turn out, parents seemed to like having 2 sessions. AM. O'Malley, L. Rottinger and P. Van Zyl assisted at WSS, which also had a good turn out.

Back to School Bingo/Sundae Night: The event sold out at 194 tickets. Ms. Mack called the numbers. We had a lot of first time attendees. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

NEW BUSINESS

Chick-fil-a Spirit Night: will be Wednesday, October 8th from 5:00 to 8:00pm. You can use more than 1 class coupon so multiple classes can get participation credit. The class with highest participation will win a pretzel party.

Box Tops: Kristin Atkinson and Nika Corbett chair this fundraiser. Contest ends 10/24. Pearson forms are available on the website, and WSS can send their Box Tops in a Ziploc bag.

Fall Skating: will be Sunday, October 26th 5:15-7:15 at Holiday. There will be prizes, a county jar and the professional face painters. Tickets are \$4 and include a slice of pizza and a drink. Skate rental is \$3.

Halloween: Schools have a half day on Halloween. Room reps may sign in at the office at 11:25am and go to classes to assist with costumes for the parade, and class parties. No child should require excessive makeup or bring toy weapons to school. Students will parade out the parking lot side door, around the front of the school and back into the Gym doors, which is the opposite direction as prior years.

Spiritwear: Flyers will be coming home soon. Tracy Easton had samples at the meeting. We order new spiritwear every 2 years. Leftover spiritwear from prior years will be sold at discounted prices at Delanco Community Day on October 11th, 10am to 2pm at the Firehouse.

Fall Fundraiser: Orders were due today, and delivery will be 11/11, 3-7pm in the Pearson Gym Foyer. Any orders turned in after 10/8 may not be delivered on 11/11.

Auction: will be Friday, December 5th. This is the PTO's largest fundraiser of the year. Volunteers are needed for basket assembly, snack bag assembly, and ticket sales the night of the auction. Flyers with the class basket theme assignments will be sent home in November and available on our website. Ask for donations from family or friends with businesses. All monetary donations will be used to purchase the larger items for the \$5 table. Room reps will be responsible for baking cookies for the auction snack bags.

OTHER BUSINESS

Library: The PTO sponsored a program over the summer and purchased Legos for another program for the Library.

5K: Flyers are available for the 10/25 Delanco 5K

Target: If you register your red card, 1% of all purchases will be donated to the school, and you always save 5% with your red card.

Mr. Mersinger: Thanks to the PTO for successful Back to School Nights and for the Kidstuff books for his own family! The WSS students had fun with picture day. Interims were sent out today. An E-mail and call went out to parents. The Genesis Parent Portal is now available. Contact teachers with any questions. There may still be glitches with the Portal. Come out to the Board Meeting this Wednesday at 7:30. Positive feedback is welcome. Reminder that school is closed on 10/13. There will be a parent presentation at Pearson on 10/23 at 7:00pm on Drugs & Alcohol. The WSS Halloween Dance will be on 10/24.

Mr. Mersinger will be running the Delanco 5K on 10/25, along with other teachers and students. 10/31 is an early dismissal day. Both schools are having huge technical transitions. The computer labs will be overhauled in the next few weeks. Google Apps will have improvements. Lunches have been running smoothly with a few expected glitches.

Ms. Mack: Pearson picture day is next Wednesday, 10/15. Thanks to PTO for a crowded and successful Back to School Night. On 10/23, parents can attend an information session on a 100 Book Challenge for grades K to Second. Ms. Mack will not be attending the 5K but is going to the Halloween Skating Party. She will also be auctioning off Principal for a Day at the PTO Holiday Auction. It will be available for 3rd through 5th graders. She will soon be sending home a survey for a research paper to rate satisfaction on last year, and another survey at the end of this school year to rate this school year.

Runners Club: Pearson holds runners club on Mondays and Wednesdays in front of the school, and on Fridays they run to the river and back. WSS has runners club on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:55 on the track with Allison Donnelly.

Book Challenge: Lorraine Gilch sent home info on the Book Challenge. They are looking for babysitters for the 10/23 session for those parents who need to bring children. WSS students can receive service hours for this.

Basic Skills Parent Night: Babysitters and volunteers will also be needed for 10/16 at 7:00pm.

Mrs. Smith: First grade teacher Mrs. Smith attended the PTO meeting and thinks the school year is off to a great start.

Refreshments: Thank you to Liz Rottinger for providing the refreshments for tonight's meeting.

Upcoming Events:

10/8 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night 5-8pm
10/24 Box Tops Contest Ends
10/27 Fall Skating Party, Holiday, 5:15-7:15pm
11/11 Fall Fundraiser Pickup, Pearson Gym Foyer, 3-7pm

The next PTO Meeting is Monday, November 10, 2013 at 7:30 pm in the Pearson All Purpose Room.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Sherry Layman and second by Kristin Atkinson.

A motion to approve the Secretary's report was made by Susan Hoffman and second by Renee Cirillo.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Hoffman and second by Shane Lillisten.

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