

The West Newbury PTO Meeting
Monday October 17, 2011

6:45 Social & Babysitting Drop-off (gym)

7:00 Welcome and Opening Statements: Carolyn Jackson welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting. Introductions were made.

People Present:

- Carolyn Jackson
- Lisa Ward
- Sandy Capo
- Jack O'Mara
- Cynthia Godin
- Barbara Ianazzi, Special Educator 4-6
- Kate Wood, Art
- Joanne Queenan, Preschool Teacher
- Pam Ellis
- Judy Manning, Music,
- Martina Isabel, Grade 3
- Jeanne Kelleher
- Amy Baker, Grade 2
- Julie Conover
- Hope Hitchcock
- Jennifer Kilroy
- Margie Graninger
- Erin Antonopoulos
- Meg Beriau
- Rebecca Peterson
- Geraldine Vanderhoff
- Denise Olson
- Sue Hersey
- Maureen Hart
- Anna Marie Beech

7:05 Acknowledgements and Thank Yous

- Webmaster-Jennifer Kilroy: Carolyn thanked Jennifer, our new Webmaster. Jennifer said that Kim DiCamillo should also be thanked for her previous years of work.
- Apple Harvest Road Race-Maureen Hart and All Volunteers. Carolyn thanked Maureen and all who volunteered for the Road Race.

7:20 Approve September Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- Sandy Capo made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes. Margi Graninger seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Sandy Capo made a motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report. Sue Hersey seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

7:25 Business Updates:

- Destination Imagination-Carolyn Jackson reported that an information meeting was held recently. Students in grades three and five are interested at this point. Another email will go out and perhaps another information meeting may be held.
- ASAP-Meg Beriau reported that there are 11 classes running. Lego class so popular that two classes are being run. 135 students are enrolled this fall. Someone is needed to shadow for this spring.
- Social Committee-Meg Beriau reported that a movie is being shown this Friday night – Rio. Free for kids from 6 to 8 PM. Father/Daughter dance and Mother/Son sports night is being offered.
- Apple Harvest Road Race-Maureen Hart reported that approximately \$16,700 was raised. She also reported receiving nice feedback regarding the success of the event. Over 700 runners participated, and 500 paid in advance. Two or three volunteers are needed to shadow and take over the event.
- Craft Fair-Jody Feudo. Lisa Ward reported that everything is going along on schedule. There is some concern about the fair and the building project.
- Book Fair-Geraldine Vanderhoff reported that the Bookfair will be November 28th through December 3rd. There will also be parent/teacher conferences that week. Geraldine reported that she would like some volunteers to help her out.
- Wrapping Paper-Denise Olson reported that wrapping paper fundraiser almost complete. Delivery will be on November 2nd and 4th. Jack Cloisy won the iPod. Gross receipts were just over \$15,000 including on-line direct-shipped ordered. Profit will be between \$6,200 to \$7,000.
- Lego League-Duncan Beech. Anna Marie Beech reports that it is going very well. A lot of research and programming of robots. There is a competition on December 3, 2011 in Shrewsbury, MA.
- Green Team-Alyson Tedeschi emailed an update stating that recycling is happening twice weekly. Four teachers are helping out to supervise the children on the Green Team during the building project.

7:40 New Business:

- Grant Opportunity: Carolyn Jackson reported that a grant for up to \$5,000 from Lowe's Toolbox for Education Program. Anna Marie Beech reported that the Pentucket Education Foundation could spearhead writing this grant. Dr. O'Mara suggested that the moneys could potentially be used for the Greenhouse.
- Meet & Greet (November): An informational event will be held at one of the homes of one of the Executive Board members. The purpose is to try to invite new parents to volunteer.

- Babysitting for PTO meetings will be provided by middle school students in the gym.
- Playground Equipment: There are some moneys to be earmarked for playground equipment. This will be tabled until the November meeting.
- Holiday Helper: Julie Givens. She will be sending out an email detailing the program, asking that one or two volunteers will be needed to help with this project. An email will be sent out detailing this project.
- Holiday Workshop-Robin Plinsinski. No update available.
- Holiday Breakfast-Sue Hersey reported that she met with Jeanne Kelleher last week regarding this event. Letters will go out to grocery stores, etc. asking for donations. The Girl Scouts were asked to help supervise the craft projects. Date for Holiday Breakfast is December 3, 2011.

7:55 New Appropriations:

• Compost Bin/Supplies	\$120
• Grade 2: Three Chart Stands	\$510
• Large Rug for Library	\$125
• Grade 6: Beanbags and area rugs	\$350
• United Streaming Subscription Request	\$1,570
• Percussion Drums, xylophone, maracas	\$450
• Positive thinking and anger control games, empathy workbook	\$139
• Grade 6: Four Dell Laptops	\$2,421
• Grade 6: Document Camera (for use with SmartBoard)	\$450
• School Laminator and Laminator System	\$1,600
• Square One Art	\$120
• Ski Program	\$200
• T-Shirts (Teacher appreciation)	\$500
• Carpets and Kitchen for Dramatic Realistic Play	\$992

- Ten Dell Laptop Computers \$5,000
- **Total Appropriations Requested \$16,154**

Teachers and administrators provided explanations for the PTO regarding reasoning behind the appropriation requests indicated above.

8:20: Page Building Project Update:

- Christine Reading provided an update on the building project at Page School. A timeline has been established.
- Phase One
 - The boilers have been removed, and the flooring is being made ready for the new boilers to be installed very soon.
 - New plenums have been installed to increase the efficiency.
 - New roof will be installed. The window replacement will be done two classrooms at a time.
- Phase Two.
 - The gym will be built behind the school and there will be an entrance.
 - The old gym will be transformed into a cafeteria with a platform stage.
 - The present cafeteria will be repurposed for administrative offices and conference room.
 - The main entrance to the school will be right into the administrative space.
 - Renovation for the gym will begin in May.
 - The current gym will not be able to be used during the renovation.

8:25 Volunteer Opportunities

- Road Race Co-chair
- Treasurer-Accounts Receivable
- ASAP Coordinator and Parent Volunteers
- Book Fair
- Social Committee
- Executive Board 2012-2014 – 2 positions

8:30 Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30