

## Notes from October 15, 2009 PTO meeting

- . A motion was passed to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2009 meeting.
- . Mrs. Whitman, our faculty representative, came in to speak to us on behalf of the teaching staff. She thanked the PTO for the money which has been used in the classroom. Luci McClure had stated that the teachers wanted the voice amplification system. Luci asked Mrs. Whitman if the teachers had a wish list. Mrs. Whitman reported the desire for smart boards.
- . It was asked what the district policy is for students bringing potential weapons to school. This was asked following the news report about a 6 yr old boy who brought into school a boy scout utensil set. The boy was given a very harsh punishment. This question will be posed to Sharon Parker. It was suggested that these incidences should be handled on a case by case basis and as age appropriate.
- . Kathleen Vasko reported on the Chadds Ford Education Foundation and its purpose. The CFEF is a group of parents trying to raise money for the school by funding projects. One project was the donation of \$500-\$600 for Buddy Books. The CFEF also funded for one voice amplification system. The Hops for Glass will be held on November 21. People can make a cash donation to CFEF in a teachers name. Kathleen asked for volunteers. Kathleen is in charge of putting together the E-news. Luci asked how many people are signed up, and if putting a link on the web would make it easier for parents to subscribe.
- . Mr. Ransford is looking for volunteers to be Chadd the Charger. Luci and Hiver have put out a sign up sheet and have been successful in securing some volunteers.
- . Mr. Ransford needs nominations for the Citadel Heart of Learning. Both children and parents can nominate.
- . Mr. Ransford and a friend of his have adopted an orphanage in Nicaragua. He is asking for help from our students to buy bracelets made by the children of this orphanage. Other ideas were discussed on how to help these orphans. Mr. Ransford is asking for 1-2 parents to help with this project. It was discussed that somehow this could be tied into the Read-a-thon.
- . Instituting a Spanish language program where 3 moms will be coming into the school once a month with a planned curriculum.
- . Luci and Hiver thanked all who have volunteered.
- . Wrapping paper sales were down as well as the Bev Michael fundraiser.
- . Script orders are due on Friday, and discussion was made as to trying it again in the spring.
- . Berna reported she received a letter from Target notifying her that only one check will be issued annually for the Red card program. This is where a percentage of sales made at Target will go to the PTO.
- . The budget was approved.
- . Family fun night is scheduled for November 17 from 6-8pm.
- . Co-chairs are needed for Book Fair. Planning on offering a 20% discount on book purchases.
- . A \$1,000 grant is being issued to Mrs. Carson to replace old worn out copies of the classics.

- . Art in action is running smoothly. The children have painted their cardboard and hoping to complete this project by Monday.
- . Curriculum meeting held at the middle school. A proposal is being made to the school board for changes in the current math program. A proposal will also be made regarding making physics a mandatory course in the high school. Currently it's not. Lastly, to make changes at the middle school and high school levels of the gifted program. At the next meeting, the art and music programs will be discussed at the elementary level.
- . Read-a-thon: The theme this year will be "Reading takes you places". The theme will center around international travel. The children will read before the Read-a-thon and earn frequent flyer miles to be used the night of the Read-a-thon.
- . All school board meetings are now available to be viewed on the web. Rich Hug, the communication director makes sure that our communication system is current and well-maintained. Thank you to Rich for all his hard work. It was noted that all meetings are listed by committee to make it easier for everyone.
- . The next PTO meeting will be November 11, 2009 at 9:15.