

Skano PTA Meeting Minutes
11/13/08
6:30 pm

Attendance: Dana Gould, Laura Haley, Karen Jeffs, Kristen Hislop, Kelly Saposnick, Wendy DeRose, Mary Fitzgerald, Kathy Landers-Wise, Maria Stewart, Randy Johnson, Ann Gauthier, Diane McGovern, Diane Iannon, Susan Hamilton, Jeanne Haug, Keri Horton, Aimee Trader, Tricia O'Brien, Laura Henniger, Kelly DiCocco, Kelly Mariano, and Mary Blaauboer.

Note: Quorum present.

Reports:

1. Secretary's Report – Karen Jeffs read thank you notes from the Harvest Breakfast. Minutes from the 10/16 PTA meeting were approved.
2. Treasurer's Report – Kelly Saposnick stated a current balance of \$17,689 less the cost of the Bookfair and Community Arts events (~\$4K and \$2K respectfully). A motion was approved to move the PTA checking account to a bank with no check handling fees.
3. Principal's Report – Mary Fitzgerald discussed concerns over the new state budget. The 5th grade DBQ testing has been completed. Becky Carmen would like PTA to be aware that students are not to be rewarded with food items. The next board meeting will be 11/18 at 7pm.
4. Hospitality – The Harvest Breakfast was enjoyed by all.
5. Halloween Party – Kelly Saposnick mentioned that a new DJ was used, the parade was successful, Mama's donated pizza and the event made a small profit.
6. Book Fair – Laura Henniger said that the event made a profit of \$1954.33 which was down about \$1000 from last year.
7. Dolphin Readers – The Battle of Books will be held on 11/14 for grades 3-5.
8. Box Tops – Sue Hamilton has compiled summer and early fall submissions which raised \$188. Information regarding Campbell Soup labels, Hannaford Helps Schools program, Price Chopper Tools for Schools and Box Tops will be sent out next week.
9. Wellness – Kristen Hislop described several upcoming and potential events. KART (Kids are Runners Too) will be providing students with pedometers along with suggestions for healthy living to be coordinated with the committee's plans. In conjunction with Seton Health and Ellis Hospital there may be a Heart Healthy Day sometime around Valentine's Day. Teachers are encouraging a healthy diet by having students bring in fruits and vegetables. Heather Martin is researching a morning fitness camp.
10. Book Buddy – Laura Huff began the program on 11/10 with 24 students and 17 parent volunteers. She is in need of three more volunteers. Please contact lhuff2@nycap.rr.com
11. Membership – Dana Gould reported that we currently have 305 members (including 55 Skano Staff Members). There is a profit of \$1251.50. The directory will be sent to all members by 11/24.
12. Holiday Bazaar – Dana Gould reported that there were 29 paid vendors. There was a profit of \$730. Each grade level will be receiving \$42.50 from raffle sales as originally determined. In addition \$78 will be going to both 2nd and 5th grades for their participation in PTA provided food sales. The balance will be used toward PTA supported events. A motion was approved.

13. Teacher Liaison – Diane Iannon expressed her appreciation for the Harvest Breakfast. The 2nd grade will be hosting a holiday program on 12/9. The 1st grade participated in Scotia/Glenville’s “Days Gone By” program. Grades 3-5th will have their Battle of the Books event on 11/14.
14. Special Education – Ann Gauthier went to the 11/6 meeting and reported that St. Edwards is in the process of building a Sports facility. There will be an Open House on 11/14. The committee is reviewing the possibility of forming an elementary level team to review the needs of age-specific students. The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library may be creating a Special Education Resource Center.
15. Partnership–Aimee Trader stated that a brochure was sent home. The details of the Halloween Celebration were reviewed. Bill Casey continues to review and implement a plan for using a grant received by SHEN to encourage safe passageways to and from schools. The next meeting will be on 11/24.

Unfinished Business:

1. Skano Parents as Vendors – Skano parents are able to provide bids for goods supporting PTA events.
2. Fundraiser –
 - a. Joe Corbi Sales, Wendy DeRose reported a profit of \$9300.
 - b. A Fundraising Meeting will be set for Jan ‘09 where parent representatives from each classroom should attend.

New Business:

1. Family Holiday Craft Fair – Wendy DeRose indicated that the coordination of the event is in progress.
2. After School Fun – According to Laura Haley, Kim Nemeth has established the start date of 1/08 continuing for five consecutive Thursdays. Torres Tae Kwon Do may offer a cardio only, non-contact class at \$10-15. Potential Chairpersons for next year are being considered.
3. Almost March Madness event – The event will be hosted at the high school on 2/26. Skano, Tesago, Arongen and Shatekons’ staff have been invited to participate. Proceeds will benefit all four schools’ PTAs. A planning meeting is set for 11/19 at 7pm at Tesago’s library.
4. Apparel – Kristen Hislop displayed the new apparel for Skano/SHEN. An order form is being drafted and will be sent home with students soon.
5. Other -
 - a. SAGE will host an AGATE event at Koda on 11/20 at 7pm entitled “Gifted Education, What You Need to Know”.
 - b. School Banking – Dana Gould stated that the program will begin on 11/19.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 15th at 6:30 pm in the Skano Library

Adjournment: 7:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Jeffs, Skano PTA Secretary