

SKANO PTA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2010 6:30 pm

Attendance: Dana Gould, Laura Haley, Kim Nemeth, Liz Dwyer, Kelly Saposnick, Kathy Landershise, Sue Hamilton, Linda Jolly, Anita LaBrecque, Kelly DiCocco, Gena Gallinger Janean P. Hewes and Laura Greene

1) **Quorum Present**

2) **Minutes approved from 9/22/09 and 11/17/09**

3) **Reports:**

President's Report – Laura Haley reported that the PTA membership directory will be out this month

Secretary's Report – Liz Dwyer no report

Treasurer's Report – Kim Nemeth gave a report that the 07-08 audit was completed and Kim submitted notes to the 09-10 book. There will be a review of the current budget next meeting

Principal's Report – No report from Mary Fitzgerald. The PTA members did discuss concern for children's safety during recess and made a suggestion that aides be out the entire hour during recess and not back and forth during the lunch period.

BOE's Report – Laura Haley gave report for Sharon Bowles on the progress of safe routes to school. 2/11 bids will be back and the work will be done in the Spring. Governor Patterson budget will decrease amount of state aid and there is 126 individuals eligible for early retirement incentive.

Teacher's Report – No report

Partnership's Report – Laura gave report on PLCs and that the survey on the success of SIS, parent portal and going green is being evaluated.

Council's Report – No report.

4) **Committee Reports:**

Laura Haley reported: Odyssey of the Mind requested a Crew Chief and Kelly DiCocco volunteered to attend the 2/10 meeting and organize the helpers for the event on March 6. Volunteers are needed between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm on 3/6. There are 6 volunteers currently and it would be good to have 10 total volunteers. Volunteers can also help out at other times during the day.

Kelly reported: March madness ticket sells went well. There are 26 staff members participating in the event. There will be a Dolphin mascot thanks to Dana Gould. Rick Mitchell will DJ for the event. Volunteers are needed for each session. PTA voted for holding a Band-aid party after the event to thank the participants of the event. Several items are being donated by PTA members.

Sue Hamilton reported: Box Tops are doing well. Sue will do a big push between 2/8 and 2/12 to collect the most from each grade, by holding a competition between grades and the winning classes earn extra recess. Deadline to get all box tops in before 3/31.

Anita LaBrecque reported: Green Initiative sent out first shipment of recycle caps to AVEDA. TrashFree Tuesday's goal is to reduce trash bag waste that day from 12 bags down to 6 bags. Upper class can say the Fun EcoFactoids during Morning Program. Looking for ideas for tree mural during the Spring. 5/21 deadline for the NY recycles poster contest.

5) **Unfinished business:**

Laura Haley reported: Honorary Life winners will be announced on 2/9 and in honor of our deserving recipients, PTA would like to have a celebration at the 2/25 PTA meeting.

Soup Day is in need of good soup recipes. After School Fun is going well and next year the chairperson asks to have a person learn and be ready to take over the following year.

6) **New Business:**

Elections of officers: PTA will select the nominating committee at next meeting.

7) **Announcements:**

February 25 PTA meeting, Skano Library - 6:30pm

Adjournment: 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Liz Dwyer, Skano PTA Secretary

Notes are pending approval at next PTA meeting