

## SKANO PTA Meeting Minutes Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009 6:30 pm

**Attendance:** Dana Gould, Laura Haley, Kim Nemeth, Liz Dwyer, Kelly Saposnick, Melissa Grattan, Sharon Bowles, Kelly DiCocco, Sue Hamilton, Maria Stewart, Linda Jolly, Christine Beacher, Janean P. Hewes, Jackie Franchini, Tami Lecuyer, Laura Greene, Aimee Trader, Kristin DeSalvatore, Jeanne Haug and Mary Fitzgerald

1) **Quorum Present.**

2) **Minutes approved from 9/22/09** with noted changes.

3) **Reports:**

President's Report – Laura Haley noted PTA membership down about 20% from previous year. Mary Fitzgerald suggested selling PTA memberships at parent conferences. Budget was taken into consideration for reduced members. Treasurer submitted membership dues early to NY State PTA. Shenendehowa is holding a Veteran's Day Dash 11/11.

Secretary's Report – Liz Dwyer gave report on status of Call for Help forms and which committees still need help or chairs.

Treasurer's Report – Kim Nemeth gave report on budget and sent e-mail to all chairs on how to run a cash box at events. Noted a \$5,600 deficit and a change to the budget will be needed. Odyssey of the Mind was added based on last PTA meeting. A past receipt for books purchased by Ms. Kirby LeMon was voted to reimburse her; 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Aimee Trader, second motion by Jeanne Haug. Motion was approved. Laura noted the importance of submitting all receipts in a timely fashion and only original receipts will be accepted.

Principal's Report – Mary Fitzgerald reported on school events.

BOE's Report – Sharon Bowles reported that the Board of Education appointed Robin Gawrys as the new principal of Gowana Middle School.

Teacher's Report – No report

Partnership's Report – Kristin DeSalvatore reported that there are 2 parent openings for partnership for a one year term and a three year term. They received over 5 applicants and the decision will be made based on a paragraph written by each of the applicants on why they want to participate in partnership.

Council's Report – No report. Next meeting on 11/9/09.

4) **Committee Reports:**

Dana Gould reported: Book Fair will run all week starting on 11/9. Letters will go home the last week of October. Almost March Madness will be chaired by Phil Cortese and Kelly DiCocco. There will be a set number of tickets and no lottery. All 8 schools will compete in both gyms at the High School on 2/25/10. There will be approximately 4000 people in attendance. Next meeting is Tuesday, 11/5 at Tesago.

Kelly Saposnick reported: Halloween Party will be held on Friday 10/30/09 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Apparel order forms will be available the last week of October. All orders will be in before holiday season.

Laura Greene reported: Fundraiser numbers were good, a little less than projected. Laura Haley requested to use the company's automated phone call system to remind people who purchased goods for pick-up on 11/12.

Sue Hamilton; Box Tops/Campbells Soup labels need a valid date. Idea; have students compete for an extra recess for the most box tops collected.

Jackie Franchini reported: 'Have you filled a bucket today?' program sends the message to say and do kind things for others. Ms. Kirby LeMon also launched Dolphin Reader t-shirts with the same theme. Bucket filling goes along with "No Put-downs" program already in place at school. There will be little buckets in each of the classrooms to remind students and adults to be kind to each other. Jackie also reported on personal safety and will be working with K-5 utilizing interactive sessions in the classroom. 1) check first 2) take a friend 3) tell a trusted adult 4) say no

Janean Hewes reported: staff Harvest Breakfast

5) **New Business:**

Holiday Shopping Bazaar will have a potential of 50 plus vendors/crafters. Melissa Grattan will do a press release and chairs will promote the event early with signage.

Tami Lecuyer reported on Holiday craft night

6) **Unfinished business:**

Back to School Picnic, a special thank you to the chairs, Sue Hamilton and Melissa Grattan.

School pictures are complete. Picture retake day is 11/24.

Election of Convention Delegates

Laura Haley asked for volunteers to attend NYSPTA Convention Nov. 13-15

7) **Announcements:**

November 13-15th NYSPTA Convention, Saratoga

PTA meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, Skano Library - 6:30pm

October 27th Regional Officers Training Meeting- 5:30pm

October 30, Halloween Party, Cafeteria, 6:30-8:30pm

November 7th Community Conversations - Shatekon Library

November 9th Council PTA meeting - Acadia Library, 7:00pm

November 9<sup>th</sup>- Book fair

November 13-15th NYSPTA Convention, Saratoga

November 20<sup>th</sup>-Dolphin Readers Event - Grades 3-5

8. **Adjournment:** 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Liz Dwyer, Skano PTA Secretary

Notes are pending approval at next PTA meeting