

Scott School PTA Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 2011
Minutes

Amie G. called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Eleven people were in attendance. Sign in sheet attached.

Introductions were made.

Board Member Reports:

Recording Secretary/Roberta N. & Mary Beth W. - Minutes from September 12, 2011 were presented for approval. Deborah H. made the motion to approve. Patty L. seconded and all approved.

Treasurer/Amie G for Tara L. - Budget Updates - Welcome Back Picnic: \$15 over budget. Walk-a-Thon: The net proceeds were better than the budget, but total proceeds were \$745 less than budget. However, expenses were down. Membership: Slightly less than budget right now but we typically collect forms throughout the year. Target: Rebate from the prior year. Enrichment: Deposit for a storyteller coming in January. Magazines: Time for Kids for 4-6 graders. Operational Expenses: Bank rebate. Sunshine: Mums for teachers on Open House night. Teacher Supplies: 4 teachers have been reimbursed to date. **Newsletter Deadlines:** October 21st. **Email Notifications** 137 families have signed up to receive the monthly newsletter via email. 17 have requested hardcopies.

Corresponding Secretary/Cindy F. & Cathy L. - Mrs. Almonte sent Thank You for the mums. Mrs. Johnson sent Thank You for the Supplies Budget. All the teachers "Sunshine" sent a Thank You for the mums.

Membership/Candace K. - PTA Membership is up to 102.

2nd Vice President/Mrs. Bolano - School Update: In the middle of the Math NECAP testing. Next week Wednesday and Thursday is Writing for the 5th grade. Then makes up to wrap up by the last week of October. Results of last year's NECAP Science testing were presented. We had a significant increase from Partial Proficient to Proficient. Discussed parking lot safety. Park your vehicle and walk up to the school to pick up your child/student.

Recording Delegate/Amie G. for Kristin B. - Warwick Council PTA Meeting: Next meeting is December 1st, 2011. All Warwick PTA members are welcome to attend. Superintendent typically attends. News from RI PTA is shared at this meeting. Superintendent is looking for parents to be on a committee of teachers, parents and admin volunteers looking to dealing with the lowering numbers of enrollment. WISE signed their contract and the teachers voted for an extension for one year.

Vice President/Amie G. for Rakhi R. – There are still a few events that need a Chairperson: Reading Week, Field Day and Play/Talent Show.

President/Amie G. -Back to School Picnic – The weather was nice. Thank you to all the volunteers and to the families that donated the cakes. There were plenty to go around. Event was \$15 over budget.

Programs and Fundraisers – Review

Walk-A-Thon/Amie G. for Tara L. - All the classes were able to walk before the rain started. The kids seemed to enjoy themselves and with just a few volunteers it went pretty smoothly. All kids were given popcorn after lunch as a thank you for participating. We did not reach our proceeds goal but costs were kept lower than budgeted. There are still deposits coming so the final total will be announced in the November newsletter. Thanks to Priya, Amie, John and Lisa!

Oncoming/Upcoming Programs / Events:

Book Fair/Lisa P. & Priya - On Line Book Fair once Family Night is over. Open till the end of October.

Box Tops/Michelle P. - Last submission missed the deadline so we will be receiving two checks after the November 1st deadline. The February submission was \$416 so we should have close to \$800 collected.

Family Bingo and Basket Raffle Night/Caroline C. & Michelle P. - Going to narrow down the themed baskets to one per grade. Discussed themes from previous years. Seven Baskets to be Superhero, Take Out, Princess, Family Game Night, Wake Me Up, Ice Cream and Artist.

Karate After School Program/Roberta N. – Eighty students are participating on the Tuesday or Thursday classes. Four parent volunteers to help with dismissal procedure of checking and showing ID.

Science Night/ Candace K – Thursday, October 27, 2011. Working on flier for approval and will be sent out next week. There will be five stations for the children to visit.

Logo Merchandise/Kristin Breiding - PTA sells merchandise with the Scott School Scottie Dog Logo on it. T-shirts, Sweatshirts, caps. We will be using a new Vendor this year to switch items up this year. Look for order forms end of November/beginning of December. Focus on after the Book Fair.

Reflections/Amie G. for Barbara S. - National PTA Art Program. Competition at all levels for Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Film and Dance. This year's theme is "Diversity Means". Deadline for all entries is December 1, 2011 this year which is earlier than in past years.

Yearbook/ Amie G. - Please send pictures via email as a jpeg , CD or USB. Photos need to be at least 3 mg in size. Send first day of school pictures now. Forms will be coming out soon for Ads to help lower the cost. We are offering business card size along with ½ page and full size pages. Ask business owners you know to advertise. The Arial photo of "12" was accomplished using sidewalk chalk this year, Thank you Miss Nelson for your suggestion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm

Next Meeting is Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7p.m.