



**Ledyard Center School
Parent Teacher Organization
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2011**

Meeting was called to order at 6:33PM

Approval of the Minutes - Motion **Made. Motion Seconded. All in Favor. 0 not approved. 0 abstained from voting. SO VOTED.**

Principal's report

- 5th Grade classroom received prometean board - class sent thank you note to PTO. All Promethean Boards are up and running.
- Basketball Hoops – Maintenance will look into replacing hoops and painting – also looking to put a new hoop at other end of playground.
- Board of Ed Presentation next Wednesday to talk about district assessments.
- Health and Safety met today. Parent Representatives are Naomi Rodriguez and Karen Zinno.
- Wednesday Workout – guest teacher and student involvement. Currently runs about 20 seconds, but time limit will increase in the future.
- Fact Friday will begin this Friday on morning announcements.
- Priscilla Bauman knows a Karate teacher that loves to go to schools. Possible assembly for Health and Wellness program. Priscilla will get Mr. Keith in contact with him. Program would be for K-6 grade (420 children).
- Bus Behavior Issue –Committee is developing a plan. Possibly giving bus drivers simple rubrics for rating the students to and from school. Best marks on the bus will get an ice cream / pizza party at the end of the month. Parents are also concerned about what types of behaviors are happening on the bus. Bus garage would be interested in this plan, but would like to review before implementing.
- Flu Season (Health and Safety) Routine for custodians – 1x per week full disinfecting of the rooms- teachers would like to be more clear on the date to make sure they are prepared for the scheduling and have their rooms prepared.
- January 10th – district health meeting. The use of Purrell in the classrooms will be discussed, as well as bathroom cleanliness will also be looked into.
- Ned Show is coming in January to give an Anti-Bullying presentation. Currently looking into other programs for anti-bullying.
- Still looking for ways to move forward with CAB110 – Climate Anti Bullying 110%. Looking for parent volunteers once per month. There will be a meeting tomorrow 3:15 – 4PM. Decide on assemblies, school ideas (Bracelets, race board, etc.) next year will take more of a role in legislation – possibly even involved in deciding if a situation is considered bullying or not.

Treasurer's Report (Priscilla Bauman)

- Bingo Night - \$280.00 still have receipts to pay for. Naomi Rodriguez donated all prizes.
- Holiday Night - \$3,000.00 still have receipts to pay for – Everyone was very impressed with how quickly and smoothly the tickets were chosen. Still have snacks for future events.
 - Funds are earmarked for the Promethean Boards
- Poinsettia's – Cost was \$500.00 will let know how much we made
- Art to Remember will go out tomorrow.
- Jeanine Wrapping - \$2,275.00 profit. Might be getting bored with the same fundraiser will look into possibly doing something different next year – will talk about it in April. More longevity with a product the more% we will make in profits which is a possible reason to stay with them.

- \$20,0679 in checking account – some set aside for promethean boards and author visit.
- Pizza - \$1,400.00 Year to Date.
 - Currently serving Pizza in Mrs. Hickey's Room
 - New disposable knives instead of cutters
 - Valentino's writes time on the boxes.
- Ice Cream sales are up from last year \$975.21.
- Promethean Boards - \$1189.00 remaining in the budget.
 - Would like to get (3) More to put into 3, 2 and 1st Grade – around 14K does not include the \$3800 matching so around 10K plus installation and voters.
 - Letters will be going out for donations hopefully around February or in the early spring. We got 5K from our donations last year plus the walkathon can help with the remaining amounts.
 - Box Tops this year - \$1,500.00.
 - Technology Budget will not have the funds to split the amount with the PTO again.
 - Will work in the direction of the Promethean Boards for the future but will not make commitment to fund the additional boards until we get a better understanding of our funding capability.

EVENTS

- Dance – Gales Ferry School on March 16th – Dance lessons are cancelled for lack of interest from the students.
- Walk-a-thon – June 8th – Naomi Rodriguez will chair.
- Talent Show – Cancelled – no interested chair.
- Possible change of event – another Bingo Night possibly (January 13th or 20th)
- No recent Teacher requests - \$877.00 left in the budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- Anti-Bullying Presentation - Chris a Professional BMX Cyclist. (Possibly use the Health and Wellness fund from Pizza to pay for the event)
- Mr. Merrill submitted questions to the State of Connecticut to find out exactly what we can use the funds for he still has not heard back. We will use the health and wellness account funds for these types of events and submit – if there is an issue with using these funds we will deal with it when the concern arises.
- Possibly using music on the busses for an incentive of appropriate behavior.
- BoE – Now is the time to discuss the budgets and pay attention to what is going on so the parents can get their input into future budgeting.
- Teacher Involvement – why is there low teacher involvement.
 - Last year there was a sign-up to require teachers to attend 2 meetings per year.
 - Mr. Keith will discuss the involvement of the teachers at the next staff meeting, and send out in his Sunday Night email.
- How do we get more parent involvement
 - Send out an email thru Mr. Keith with the same way he sends the voicemails out with an opt out message at the bottom of the email

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jeanine Gift Wrap / Holiday Night Voicemail – possibly send out PTO Event the night before instead of the day of to give more notice.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:40 PM

Next Meeting – Thursday January 12, 2011 @ 6:30PM