

PTO Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2010

President Denise Wall opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and everyone introduced themselves.

The following were present: Karen Marotta, Michelle O'Connor, Heidi Borenstein, Nola Imrie, Brad Weeden, Nancy Snow, Francine Goldstein, Cathy Boese, Susan Hughes, Regan Belluche, Annie Gilbert, Susan Greenberg, Denise Wall, Jeri Carr, Jen Bentley, Christa DiNapoli, Laurie Brosnan

Minutes from the February 23, 2010 meeting were approved.

School Committee member, Annie Gilbert gave us a very in depth look at the about the proposed budget cuts if the town does not meet the superintendents recommended budget. Thank you, Annie, for your time!!

Building update: It has been voted that the school will be built in front of the current building. Enrollment will be 680 students from grades k-5. Please watch for future meeting times.

The following PTO Events were discussed:

Math Bug – Mallory Bagwell came and did programs w/ grades k-5. We got some feedback from the teachers. Most was positive. Laurie Brosnan did say that next time, maybe we should get someone in for lower grades and someone different for the higher grades. It is not easy getting someone that can cover the entire school, especially due to expense.

Variety Show – So far there are fewer tickets sold this year. Snacks will be sold to offset the cost of the yearbook.

Mother/son night at the movies – All set, Thursday, April 8th at Chunky's Cinema in Haverhill. The night is sold out.

Science Fair – registration forms have been sent out!!

Father/Daughter Dance – Please contact Sheila Serrao or Kim Racca if you are able to help or donate food and / or raffle items.

Nancy Snow requested additional funds to cover books she purchased for the media center. It was moved and seconded that this request be covered by the PTO.

President Denise Wall announced that Cathy Boese has agreed to be a Vice President and Jen Bentley will chair fundraising for next year. There are still positions to be filled on the PTO. Please go to the website to see the open positions and feel free to contact a current chair if you have any questions on a position that you may be interested in. Denise will get the descriptions for positions as well. Jen Bentley did say how great the PTO fair was last year and that it did bring more people to the meetings and hopes that it will be repeated.

Denise asked for any feedback from current Grade level reps. or any other issues from the floor. One idea is to have a bi-annual newsletter from the PTO. A brief discussion took place re: fundraising for next year. One of the ideas is to have a direct drive for funds in exchange for other fundraisers.

Budget was discussed. What to do with the money in the budget now. Give some to the teachers, purchase more interactive wipe boards, save some funds for the future Bancroft playground? This will be discussed further at the PTO Board meeting on April 13th.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13th at Bancroft School at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Brosnan, Recording Secretary