

PTO Meeting Minutes

17 September 2009
Elm Creek Media Center

Attendees: Kristy Chouinard, Amy Wasgatt, Jim Meyer, Melissa Sauter, Kirsten Kjome, Robin and Mike Dolan, Alecia Ruska, Kim Paine, Laura Reavis, Randi Holtz, Julie Whitcher, Staci Jones, Jodi and Jim Solem, Julie Larson, Lori Thomas, Stacy White

Items of Discussion

- 1) **Introductions**
- 2) **Principal's Report:** This year has started well. Week 2 is calm in spite of construction. Test scores from last spring were good (AYP was met.) MAPS Tests results are coming back with individual progress available on students gr 2-5.
- 3) **What is PTO? Why is PTO important?** PTO does not have to go by any state or national guidelines nor pay any dues (like PTA). More freedom in what we do with our money. / The involvement of parents makes students more successful. Membership is automatic. Participation is welcomed and adds to our strength. One goal we have this year is to have better communication between Staff, Parents/Guardians and the community.
- 4) **Where does the money go? Budget Report** The money we spend this year is the money we raised last year. The money we raise this year, supports next year. The budget is set. Kristy went over the budget and let people know how to see the info throughout the year.
- 5) **Treasurer Report** Checking: \$11,000. Savings \$40,000. (actual totals???)
- 6) **Technology Request** Sue Olson requests two document cameras right away. Motion to approve \$600 for this request: Robin; Amy: Second. Motion carries.
- 7) **Events:**

*Sally Foster packets came home yesterday, you have two weeks. Online sales all year.

*Happenings Books right after SF is done. For two weeks only. Volunteers needed.

*Book Fair Volunteers needed. (Conferences.)

*Holiday Gift Shop (table discussion to October)

*Turkey Bingo (table discussion to October)

*MacDonald's Night (table discussion to October)

**Gifts of Money directly to PTO are 100% tax Deductible

- 8) **Other Issues** (Gretchen Peel, Tami Eply) Sister school in Mexico we have a request to use some of our scholastic profit to use for getting books in Spanish to this school. A fundraiser is in the works for this. Details to follow. Sassabee, Mexico.

Call to Adjourn: 7:35