

**DRAFT – Minutes will be approved at the April 7, 2010 meeting.**

**PTC Meeting Minutes  
Ogden Avenue School  
March 3, 2010**

**Attendance:**

Jill Daniels  
Dr. Boudreau  
Theresa Fitzgerald

Elizabeth Engels  
Jennifer Joyce  
Carol Barrett

Paula West  
Mary Drew

**Call to Order**

Jill Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

**Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2010 Meeting**

The minutes of the February 10, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Paula West, seconded by Jill Daniels, both of whom were present at the February 10 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Not very much to report. The Variety Show took in some money to offset their expenses, so the event will be close to breaking even.

**Principal announcements:**

The Hearts for Haiti Fundraiser brought in \$1725. Funds have been given to Park coordinator.

There will be a Jane Adams assembly after Spring Break.

The Variety Show was great!

Carol Barrett asked whether any thought had been given yet to doing an analysis to review how the new reading program is going.

Dr. Boudreau said that Lori Gehrke (Curriculum Director) is evaluating the program with the Language Arts Task Force. So far it seems very positive, though as with any new program, there is a transition – it will get smoother over time.

There will be a project over the summer to review it more in depth. They are also using MAPS data to analyze the program. Next year, MAPS will be extended to include Kindergarten.

Carol indicated that 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents on the playground fee it is too difficult and that kids are struggling with the amount of homework.

The Task Force will meet with the grade level committees and evaluate it grade by grade.

There was an issue with Spiritwear purchases by 3 staff members – there was credit card fraud which was traced back to this purchase. All three placed orders on same day. Amanda Kennedy contacted the company to question them about it. They indicated that their systems had been hacked on that day and they had gotten calls from 2 other customers as well. They have changed their processing and will work with the customers to resolve any losses incurred. The company was very responsive and resolved the issue satisfactorily.

## **Vice President's announcements**

PTC will set up guidelines for big events like the Variety Show, Book Fair, Ice Cream Social. We need to add another layer of parent involvement in these big events to insure that everyone is safe and to provide a more pleasant experience for everyone. We will present these guidelines at a future date when they are fleshed out.

Theresa Fitzgerald was a chaperon at the Variety Show – in the cafeteria. It was a very overwhelming atmosphere - mayhem. . A lot of parents saw the mayhem, but assumed someone else was in charge of it, when there was really no one in charge.

It is too much to ask children, in the evening at the end of the week, to sit quietly and wait their turn for 3 hours. Theresa encourages us to split up dress rehearsal to limit the number of children in the room at any given time and reduce the amount of wait time.

Parents chaperons need to wear vests.

Dr. Boudreau suggested that perhaps we should have 2 intermissions. She would also like it written into the guidelines that people should not throw anything into the crowd.

Jill Daniels suggested that we hire a Rent-a-Cop. At the very least we need many more parent supervisors, and some men should be involved to escort boys to the bathroom and prevent them from getting out of control in there.

We have started drafting a set of Guidelines for the next Variety Show to incorporate these and other ideas to make it safer and less chaotic backstage.

Crowd control is a big issue and needs to be thought of at every event. The PTC needs to set realistic expectations for kids and need to take the time / frame of mind of kids into account.

There was a suggestion to include Supervision volunteers on the volunteer sheet for registration.

Field Days finally has committee chairs for this year. Annette Henry, Jennifer Nemecek, Kristen Mora

## **Fundraising VP:**

Mixed Bags fundraiser and Original Artworks are going on now.

## **Social VP:**

The Ice Cream Social will run from 6 – 7:30 during the Book Fair.

We can't serve novelties rather than scooped ice cream because we do not have a freezer.

Maureen Burriesci already has 25 volunteers to scoop. There will be no children scooping ice cream this year. They are still gathering volunteers for hallway duty.

In an effort to cut down on / eliminate the long waiting lines, this year they will scoop the ice cream in the kitchen (one scoop per bowl) and the volunteers can carry the bowls out 2 doors from the kitchen. Sprinkles stations will be spread around the room.

The door between the MPR and the Gym will be locked.

Kerri and Maureen will wear vests.

We're going to see if we put the Art Enrichment exhibit somewhere else (rather than down the center of the MPR) – perhaps use more of the back part of Gym, which would also prevent kids from running around in that area or shooting baskets.

Another idea to limit lines: Give people one ticket when they walk in the door. They have to turn in a ticket to get 1 scoop of ice cream. Can't prevent kids from going outside and coming back in to get another ticket, but will serve as a deterrent for most. Dr. Boudreau suggested that it would be a good job for the Office Helpers (6<sup>th</sup> grade helpers) to tear tickets and put them in baskets in advance of the ice cream social. We will also need ticket 'collection cans'.

### **Garden Committee:**

OgdenPalooza will be held in May at Brixes. Date to be determined.

The Committee wants to attend a team leader meeting to talk to teachers about what they want in terms of space in the outdoor classroom. They need to order furniture soon to be ready for installation as soon as weather breaks.

The Rotary club sent a check for bridge and also bought a brick. The bridge will be installed on April 2.

The Dodge Ball festival will be held here in the Gym. This will be a family event held on a Friday evening. There will be a \$5 entry fee and perhaps power bars and water for purchase. The committee is looking for people to get involved in the planning for this. We don't want to have a free for all, with balls flying at kids, etc. It needs to be really thought out well, with an eye for safety, lack of mayhem, etc. They will present a plan at the next PTC meeting. We should look into how CP does their turkey shoot, which is a similar type event.

The Committee revisited the idea of installing shade structures. They are only useful a couple months of the year, so they wondered if instead of shade structures they should install a big shade tree.

Dr. Boudreau noted that it gets very hot for the first 1 ½ months and last 1 ½ months of the school year, which is when the area would be most used. It can get very uncomfortable in that area with all that blacktop soaking up the heat. Perhaps the shade structures are a better idea, though she also likes to have big shade trees! They will take up this issue with the teachers.

Movie Night is set for the last day of school at Memorial Park. We need to make sure the time doesn't conflict with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade outing, which is typically held that day. A movie has not been selected.

### **Adjourn**

Paula West moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., Jennifer Joyce seconded the motion.