

**PTC Meeting Minutes  
Ogden Avenue School  
April 7, 2010**

**Attendance:**

Paula West  
Maureen Burriesci  
Susan McMahon  
Cara Spitzner  
Heather Hart  
Sue Krone

Elizabeth Engels  
Michelle Wright  
Carol Barrett  
Jennifer Shoemaker  
Jill Daniels  
Mary Drew

Judy Ahrens  
Andri Peterson  
Jenny Kaminski  
Jennifer Harding  
Christine Mannella

**Call to Order**

Christine Mannella called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

**Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2010 Meeting**

The minutes of the March 3, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Jill Daniels, seconded by Paula West, both of whom were present at the March 3 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Original Arts brought in about \$3,000, which is about \$600 more than expected. Green Bagels cost less this year, due to mini size bagels for the younger kids. We maybe should consider ½ bagels for next year.

**Principal announcements**

Dr. Boudreau could not attend, but Jennifer Kaminski and Cara Spitzner attended and reported that Success Night is set for next week. The spring concert will be held tomorrow night for grades 1, 3, and 5. There will be a Jazz Band concert for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades next week.

**President's announcements**

We will get flowers for music teachers for tomorrow's concerts

Environment Club / Spirit & Service Club are already recycling printer cartridges and cell phones, so we don't need to do an additional fundraiser in that area.

We are looking for a vendor for yearbook and portraits for next year. The group was asked for their thoughts on the pictures for this year?

Group liked having 2 pictures to choose from.

Cara Spitzner said the teachers had difficulty editing the composites for names. The composites didn't always have the same picture that the family ordered. All kids were posed the same way so it seemed a little forced.

One complaint is that we couldn't order individual pictures – we had to order a package. The

PTC made more money this year over Van Gogh.

Consensus is that we need to be able to order supplemental pictures outside of getting a package.

Rain date for Field Days is June 1. Mr. Hruby makes the call on the day as to whether we need to cancel.

Parent Education: Jennifer Shoemaker asked whether it would be useful to give parents a seminar on texting, Facebook, etc. for parents who are not familiar with these things. Are there things that parents should know? Cossitt brought in a speaker to talk about this – how to set up Facebook with proper safety features. Michelle Wright is a social worker – they had presentation from sheriff's office. Sue McMahon said that there is a good presentation at Park Jr. High. Jenny Kaminski said that it is a school regulation (state) that kids are taught internet safety and how to be a good cyber citizen, recognize cyber bullying, etc. These lessons are being incorporated into the curriculum and some are done by Mrs. Bledsoe – they sometimes use Sentios to survey the kids about their use and knowledge of these technologies.

Committee Chairs for next year: We still do not have a chair for Art Enrichment – it has been cut to 3 times per year, but we are not sure what to do with it if no one steps up to run it. Dennis Harding will run Quiz Night again, with George Mannella as Co-Chair. Jennifer Shoemaker will do Staff Appreciation. We still don't have a VP.

### **Garden Committee:**

The Garden Committee met with team leaders and Dr. Boudreau to determine what we should do with our remaining funds. Having more tables would be useful over more benches so kids can do work outside. Shade structures are perhaps too expensive for the amount of use they can get – they could only be used a couple months per year. It would be good to have barometer and temperature gauge, etc. to do a weather lesson. We should look into getting a composting bin / rain barrel? Jenny Kaminski thought it would be nice to have some butterfly plants, so when the butterflies they raised are released, they would be more likely to stay around. The teachers get hollyhocks from the science center – they will pass them to the committee to have them planted. The committee is working with Carol Johnson to make sure the curriculum tie ins are there. The new bridge is in. It is much sturdier than the last one.

Fundraisers for garden furniture:

Ogdenpalooza - we would like to get the community to come to this event, including teachers.

Movie night at Memorial Park is set for June 3 at 7:30.

The dodgeball fundraiser has been postponed. We need to think it through more for safety, etc.

We'll be having another push for pavers and we're working with Mrs. Horyn to do the big pavers as a legacy project.

We have about \$7000 now. This should be enough for 2 benches and 1 game table.

Rotary donated bridge. It would be nice to thank these community groups who have helped out. The committee wants to do pavers honoring these groups.

### **Book Fair / Ice Cream Social:**

Michelle Wright reported that Scholastic will deliver the books on the day of the Book Fair. Set-up will start at 3:15 and they will have monitors to keep an eye on the books between then and the start of the Fair. The glossy flyer will go home on Friday. Jenny Kaminski will send a message to the teachers reminding them not to send their book order forms home this month. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers get to shop early to select books for Reading Olympics, sponsored by PTC.

The plan for the Ice Cream social is to have an 'Ice Cream island'. Only adults will be serving ice cream and sprinkles. No water will be set up.

Ice Cream will be from 6:00 – 7:30, Book Fair 6:30 – 7:30 (but they will have small crew to handle any sales prior to 6:30). The passage between the gym and the MPR will be closed. Adults will be posted in the hallway.

### **New Business**

Andri Peterson attended a Gingerbread House decorating event at Laidlaw and thought it may be a fun and easy thing to put together at Ogden. It was a family event – parents had to attend with their kids. People registered in advance and the event coordinator had name plates at each place. Laidlaw did 140 houses – cost was \$18. They did not run it as a fundraiser, but it could be done as one. The event coordinator comes in and sets up tables, plastic, etc. When families showed up, they picked out their gingerbread pieces and went to their tables. Volunteers come around with big tubs of icing and big tubs of candies for decorating. The janitorial staff only had to set up tables. Volunteers did all clean-up afterwards. The event coordinator provided wipes and washcloths for each participant. The group thinks it's a good idea to try to do this at Ogden next holiday season. We need to get approval from Dr. Boudreau.

### **Bylaw Review**

We will leave Treasurer at 2 year term. Paula will act as a co-treasurer this year to get a feel for whether it is viable to have proper separation of duties between Treasurer and Co-Treasurer.

All changes are ok as written. They will be approved at the May meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Jill Daniels moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., Paula West seconded the motion.