

**PTC Meeting Minutes  
Ogden Avenue School  
September 8, 2010**

**Attendance:**

Jill Daniels  
Kym Iffert  
Margaret Murphy  
Angela Reda  
Paula West  
Mary Drew

Dr. Boudreau  
Anita Pusateri  
Kelly Parratore  
Jen Kolar Burden  
Elizabeth Engels  
Annette Henry

Carol Barrett  
Christine Mannella  
Sarah Mycek  
Kristine Schultz  
Laura Attebery  
Dory Kenna

**Call to Order**

Jill Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:37pm.

**Approval of Minutes of May 5, 2010 Meeting**

The minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Christine Mannella, seconded by Elizabeth Engels, both of whom were present at the May 5 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Approval of the Budget: Estimated revenue is \$49,500. Curriculum related expenses are \$21,500 and Non-Curriculum related expenses are \$28,000. Non-Curriculum expenses include donations, student social activities, centennial celebration, etc. There are a few minor changes to be made and the final budget will be posted on the website. Motion to approve the budget was made by Elizabeth Engels, seconded by Kym Iffert.

**Principal announcements**

Thanks for getting the year off to a good start! Dr. Boudreau is looking forward to the Back to School Party on Saturday. We need to remind parents and students that it is a family event and parents must accompany their children. She introduced the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers who were at the meeting – Kelly Parratore and Angela Reda.

The Centennial is the big event coming up. We are going to try to get everyone on the playground spelling out "Ogden's 100<sup>th</sup>" with a photo being taken from above. There has been a lot of buzz from alumni. Teachers are doing center assemblies on what schools were like 100 years ago. The students will be treated to cupcakes in their classrooms, provided by the Room Parents. Dr. Boudreau has been gathering a lot of memorabilia, which will be laid out at the reception. The reception is for adults – not unattended students.

Kelly Parratore thanked the PTC for all we do to support the teachers and students.

**President's announcements**

The committee chair meeting is coming up on the 16<sup>th</sup>, with a social after at Checquers. We will meet here in the LRC at 7:00pm.

Election of officers – Laura Attebery, Vice President and Kathy McNeela, VP Communications. Kym Iffert made a motion to elect them, Christine Mannella seconded the motion.

It is shaping up to be a busy year – thanks to everyone who volunteers. Jill is impressed with the amount of work everyone puts in. We are still looking to fill 3 positions. Anyone? Anyone?

## **Fundraising**

The idea of a community card was raised, but there is not a lot of enthusiasm for this. Perhaps bulb sale would be a better alternative. Ogdenpalooza was very fun and a successful fundraiser – perhaps we could do another one this year. Kym Iffert wouldn't commit, but may be willing to help out.

## **Social**

The Back to School Party is on Saturday. It will be held in the MPR if it rains – but it hasn't rained in 14 years for the party, so fingers are crossed!

## **Red Sled**

We are purchasing new signage for Red Sled. Jennifer has 75% of the tables filled. She needs chairs for the bake sale and a couple other committees.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Book Fair**

We are set to go on 9/20 from 3:30 – 7:30 in gym. They'll start setting up at 2:30. There will be no library table set up this year, though people can still donate books to the library. There will be boxes set up for gently used book donations to Andrea's Angels.

Dr. Boudreau will have Mrs. Bledsoe do a wish list for what she wants for the library. Kristine Schultz indicated that it would be really nice to have a list from the teachers for birthday books. The concern with this is that the teachers don't want people to feel obligated to purchase a new book to fulfill their wish list.

### **School Supplies – Jen Kolar Burden**

Distribution went smoothly this year except one person entered the building on the Friday before and took their kits plus a neighbor's kits. This made it seem as though we were missing some kits. It was all straightened out by the evening of distribution day. We have 3 extra kits to donate to the school – 2 people forgot they ordered and one ordered the wrong grade.

Boy scouts did the unpacking and stacking of the kits - they were awesome! Next year we'll use girl scouts to help with distribution.

There are a few problems with School Kidz

- Quality: binders and pencil boxes particularly are not good quality and break quickly.

- They have a very early deadline for submitting our list and orders to them (March) in order to get the best prices. We have to sign a contract that will lock us into a particular discount range.

- They don't accept late orders.

Right Stuff is an alternative vendor. They have an order deadline of June 1. If a parent misses the deadline, they can order online and have the kit delivered to their home (the delivery charge is minimal -

\$5). We still get funds when people order online. The contract is not tied to the discounts. We can have people order using paper order forms or online – we don't have to pick one or the other.

Jen wants to go forward with investigation of Right Stuff's pricing to compare to School Kidz. The PTC board gave her the go ahead to investigate it and she'll come back to us with a report.

#### **Assemblies** – Anita Pusateri, Annette Henry

There are 3 assemblies scheduled. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have two 50 minute presentations October 1 on 'Spirit of the Eagle' which is a native American teepee which will be set up outside.

Power of One – anti-bullying presentation will be presented on 10/26 to all students in 2 sessions

Boomtown – Megan Wells will do her presentation about the Chicago Fire on 3/21.

We will do Soil Adventure through the Field Museum, as a tie-in to the new garden.

Harris Educational Loan Center – lending boxes. We can request boxes for whatever 3 week time period we want, to have it fit into the curriculum. There are boxes on minerals, habitats, planets, dinosaurs and many others. The person picking up the boxes must be registered with the Field Museum. We need to decide whether we should do one for every grade or pick and choose which grades will participate. 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades have the biggest need. The teachers can go online to see what lessons are available.

#### **Garden Committee** – Kym Iffert, Carol Barrett

The garden is nearly done. The new tables and benches are in now and can seat 30 kids. The "classroom" can be set up in different ways so that the teacher can face away from sun both in morning and afternoon. There will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 4:30 during the Back to School Party. The final cost was ~\$55,000 (original estimate was \$90,000). We were able to get a lot of free and discounted services from great, generous, local vendors. We didn't purchase the science equipment, but installed the larger 8 person tables instead. Maybe the 6<sup>th</sup> grade committee could donate some of the science equipment. We couldn't spend the garden money on curriculum, but the whole concept was built around supporting the curriculum.

They talked to Andrea Horyn about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade project – perhaps they could do stepping stones for their project.

#### **Art Enrichment** – Kristine Schultz

We have redesigned the AE curriculum to accommodate 3 lessons per year per grade. The volunteer meeting is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> and the volunteers will work with the teachers to set up their times. Kristine cleaned out the art closet. She is donating extra supplies that are no longer needed to Mrs. Horyn. Crafty stuff that Mrs. Horyn won't use could maybe go to Red Sled for the Candy Cane Lane craft room.

Dr. Boudreau explained why we've cut back to 3 AE lessons per year. Due to the necessity of scheduling all the various curricular requirements, there are not enough hours to do this every month. We are lucky to have a strong art program in the school in addition to the AE program, so the students are not missing important exposure to the arts.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee – Paula West**

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will hold bake sales at the Book Fair and on election day. They will sell out their inventory of pencils, jibitz, key chains, etc. at various other events.

### **New Business**

#### **Gingerbread House Event**

Saturday, 12/04 from 2:30 – 4:30. Andri Peterson is running it. The cost will be \$18 to the woman who brings all the pieces (gingerbread, icing, candy decorations), plus \$16 per hour custodial for 5 hours. This is not a fundraiser. The consensus of those present is that it is OK to charge \$20 per entrant.

#### **RAiSE – Dory Kenna**

RAiSE is a parent support and education group for families facing special education challenges. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month and have speakers at the meetings. There are representatives from every school on the committee. They are looking for help getting the word out about the group. They would like to put up a table at our events to help them get information out there. They are not looking for funding.

#### **Yearbooks – Kym Iffert**

January would be a good time to start taking yearbook orders.

We asked if Kym could do a little memorabilia book for the Centennial? Kym will think about it – a lot of the work is already done (research, pictures, etc) for the yearbook, so it wouldn't be a stretch to excerpt some of that and make a little book. We can take orders at the Centennial Celebration. Sarah Mycek may be able to help with the printing.

**Welcome** to the new parents who attended the meeting. We hope to see you again at upcoming meetings.

### **Adjourn**

Kym Iffert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m., Carol Barrett seconded the motion.