

South End PTO Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2016

Attendance: K. Provo, A. Jordan, A. Piccirillo, E. Perez, M. Rauccio, S. Loubier, T. Paulino, M. Cozzolino, C. Rose, G. Hammons, S. Bartkowiak, D. Hogan, T. Paolino, M. Stewart, J. Matthews, K. Bradley, T. Dubois, T. Lentini, R. Borchard, B. Adronowitz, K. Kieltyka, C. Conran, L. Morello

Location: South End School Cafeteria

Start Time: 6:35

Guest Speakers-(Keith Hayden, PE Director Public Works & Jim Grappone, Asst. Town Engineer)

- Referendum-Southington Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade-Overview of project and projected cost. State of CT to provide a Grant of \$17,168,000 which is approx. 30% of \$57,100,000 project. In order to qualify referendum needs to be approved this November. Infrastructure was built in 1958 and is outdated and inefficient. The town must comply with new phosphorus limits by 2022 or may be subject to daily fines of \$37,500 or \$13,687,500 year. If approved in November estimated construction will occur between 2018-2020. Video presentation is available on the town website. Questions can be directed to Jim Grappone at (860)276-6232.

Co-President's Report (K. Provo and A. Piccirillo):

- Lunch Baskets-There have been issues with bees during recess. This is likely a result of lunch boxes being left alongside the building/fence area. Today each classroom was provided a wheeled laundry basket. Lunch boxes will be transported to/from the cafeteria each day by students within the basket to avoid lunch boxes being outside.

Vice-President's Report (M. Stewart):

- No report submitted

Principal's Report:

- Professional Development day will be 10/18. Teachers in grades K-2 will be reviewing PD Math & teachers in grades 3-5 will be reviewing English standards.
- One School, One Book was announced last week, Charlotte's Web. They had a great kickoff and teachers dressed in character. They are already getting positive feedback from the kids excited to talk about the book. This week will start Trivia during morning announcements.
- There will be fundraising around the book to help fund future years so that we can continue to provide a new book each year to families and keep program going.

Secretary's Report (T. Munson):

- Minutes were sent via email last week. Since Tracy was unable to attend minutes for Sept will be distributed at the November meeting for acceptance.

Treasures Report (S. Loubier):

- Monthly report is showing a large balance since fundraiser has been taken in but not yet paid out to vendor.
- Fundraiser did well and we broke even on budget amount

Teacher's Report

- 2nd Grade(Ruotolo, Mc Minn) & Guidance (Miss Smith)
- Ms. McMinn reported that they have been working on routines and just finished personal narratives. They will be starting non-fiction reading and writing next week. In Math they are doing odd/even numbers and using online resources for extra guidance.
- Mrs. Ruotolo reported that in Social Studies they are discussing community and learning map skills. In Science they learning about nutrition and food groups. The next unit will be air/weather.
- Mrs. Smith is working on the last of the grant initiatives. She is working with groups and also complimentary classroom 2nd Step Program.

Committee Reports

- Fall fundraiser we met goals and budget. Yankee Candle arrival TBD but once it arrives pick up will be from 3:30-5:30.
- Apple Harvest Parade-October 2nd Our float came in 2nd place among the schools. Thanks to the Wanner Family and all those that helped and participated in the parade.
- Family Movie Night-Angry Birds which was sponsored by 5th Grade Committee. Evening was a success and they made \$237 in profit which will be used towards their end of year ceremony. There were issues that evening with kids being behind the stage and running in the hallways during the movie. Reminder to families that everyone should remain in the cafeteria during the movie and are responsible that their kids aren't running around the building. If there continue to be issues we risk not being able to continue Family Movie Nights.

Upcoming Events

- *Tumblers-to be sold in November-Still finalizing details with vendor but will be insulated hot/cold cup with "S" in blue/white colors*
- *Halloween Party October 22nd -Notices were sent home. \$10 admission includes bowling, pizza, popcorn, drink, & goody bag. Each class has a raffle basket theme. Donations for baskets should be sent in by Friday. Baskets will be displayed during lunch by Tuesday. Wednesday/Thursday raffle tickets will be sold during lunch and also during the Halloween Party. Tickets are 2/\$1. In addition to the raffle baskets the 5th grade committee will be doing a 50/50 raffle for the parents. Tickets will be \$1 and are available the night of the party.*

- *Cultural Arts Oct 16th-Shakspearans will be performing The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Their message will be about integrity, honesty, and being a good friend in tandem with Bully Awareness Month.*
- *BJ's Fundraiser to be held during November*
- *Breakfast with a Buddy- November 3rd at 7:45 am. Please only 1 buddy per family due to Fire Codes*
- *Book Fair-November 2nd-November 4th*
- *Election Day Bake Sale-November 8th. PTO will be holding along with Girl Scouts. PTO will be selling from 7 am-11:30 am. Info will go out next week via signup genius to volunteer time/baked goods. Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after 11:30.*
- *Family Movie Night-November 18th- Movie is Hook*
- *Holiday Boutique-November 10th- 11 confirmed/paid vendors with more interested. We will accept vendors on a first come basis and won't overlap product vendors. See Kristen Bradley if you are or have an interested vendor.*
- *Bowling Club-November 4th-December 16th. This year Kindergarten will be able to ride the bus. \$50/child for the 6 weeks can pay direct to PTO or through Pay4School. Info to be sent out next week. Signup was sent out already if you'd like to volunteer to help.*

Open discussions

- *Suggestion was made to look at Costco Membership as an additional fundraiser option*
- *Anna Jordan asked why we were not holding Year End Picnic. Explained that we are trying something new this year and was agreed during Sept meeting. We are going to allocate more to make Field Day a larger/family event. More details to follow.*

Adjourned: 7:35 pm