

January 7, 2010  
Cedar Hill School, PTO Board of Trustees Meeting

The meeting was called to order.

ATTENDANCE: Elaine Edge, Christina Ehret, Alicia Martine, Joyce Tulenko, Karen Richman, Candy Pescatore, Colleen DeSalvo, Elizabeth Barickman, Kristina Folkart and Joe Mollica.

MR. MOLLICA:

\*Mr. Mollica reported the QSAC monitoring is almost complete. The 1<sup>st</sup> faze was a review of the building, such as fire codes. The second faze was a review of the Curriculum. The reviewers are interested in documentation, communication with parents and how records indicate the communication. The results of the study will hopefully help our budget to be passed.

\*Sloan Sculley-Enrichment Teacher will possibly be back if the budget goes in our favor. She is greatly missed at Cedar Hill.

\*Read Through Winter- Mr. Mollica will communicate with Teachers and the kids in the classrooms about the forms to get everyone interested. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> will be "Comfy Cozy Day" when students can wear pajamas to school, read a lot in the library and catch up on gaining minutes for the contest.

\*Mollica reported he is receiving a nice amount of Science Fair contracts from students.

\*The Board discussed a few problems occurring on the "Car Line" during morning drop off. Mr. Mollica stated he would address these problems and discuss his new rules with staff who work on the car line.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Presidents: Christina Ehret and Elaine Edge-

\*The Presidents discussed with the board members the hopes to have a benefit next year to raise money for improvements to the CHS Library. Christina and Elaine have written a proposal and have had contact with a consultant who designs libraries. The goal is to raise \$100,000.

Christina will e-mail the proposal to board members. The feeling among board members was that raising money for an improved library would be pleasing to most CHS families and would be a great reason to have a benefit.

\*The fifth grade Student Council is conducting a "school store" in the cafeteria on fridays.

Students can purchase items such as school supplies. The student council will advertize their event in the front hallway display case.

\*The presidents discussed with Mr. Mollica how the Science Fair paperwork will be organized. Laura Begg will be asked to organize the next step , which is to set dates for when the projects are due. And to also get more parent involvement.

1<sup>st</sup> VP- Alicia Martine

\*The next General PTO meeting is on Jan. 14, 2010. David Scott from Kid-Fit will be the guest speaker. Also Deb Smith from Aramark Food Services will speak about the lunch program and answer questions. An e-blast should be sent out to advertise the meeting.

\*For the March General PTO meeting held in the evening , possibly we will have Sean Siet be the guest speaker to discuss NJASK testing.

\*Alicia asked the board members to begin to think about if they will stay in their positions. She asked that they let her know as soon as possible so nominations for the 2010-2011 Board can begin. The position of Treasurer is open, Candy Pescatore will be leaving her position on the board. She stated she would like to work hard on numerous other projects at CHS.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Fundraising-Joyce Tulenko

\*Joyce and Kim Conyers have researched new items for the Raffle, such as a 13" Mac Book, ipod/itouch. The board agreed these items will be more popular than a t.v. The prizes will be as followed. 1<sup>st</sup> prize- 15" Mac Book Pro

2<sup>nd</sup> prize- i-touch

3<sup>rd</sup> prize- gift certificate to be determined

\*Volleyball Tournament- possibly in April, possibly a 5<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class can donate a gift to CHS with the proceeds. Joyce will check with Mr. Mollica about how this event should be organized and who will be in charge of it.

\*The Holiday Shop was very successful.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Newsletter- Karen Richman

\*Box Tops- Karen asked if more prized can be offered for 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. Possibly the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-ups can have a special treat in their class such as popcorn or pretzels. The board was agreeable to this.

\*Regarding the scoop there are too many requests for space. We need to prioritize space for upcoming events such as Valentine's Breakfast and Sweethearts Dance. Volunteers are needed for both events.

\*Mrs. Ace needs volunteers for the Art Show.

\*There will be a reminder in the scoop for the Science Fair.

#### Secretary-Colleen DeSalvo

\*Boys Night Out will be on March 19. Possibly a Winter Olympics Theme, and there will also me a D.J. Many volunteers will be needed. A possible idea is for High School Teens to volunteer who are working to fulfill community service. Christina and Elaine felt this was a good idea, but they may need supervision to make sure they are working on their given task.

#### Treasurer-Candy Pescatore

\*Candy made the 2009 Tax Return and new budget available to view.

#### Trustee-Elizabeth Barickman

\*Writers in the school is beginning. James Gelsey is our author.

\*Science Fair-Parent volunteers a still needed to help with the amount of students who have submitted contracts.

#### Trustee-Kristina Fokart

\*Walk-a-thon:Ms. Kotcho will help promote this event. Laura Begg would like a co-chair to help with the event. Staff involvement is needed to make the event successful. The date will be possibly be May 17 for one week.

Old Buisness-None

New Buisness-None

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Colleen DeSalvo, Secretary