

Cedar Hill PTO
General Meeting, September 24, 2009

I. Call to Order

II. Officer/Committee Reports

Co-Presidents: Christina Ehret and Elaine Edge

-Ehret welcomed everyone and introduced the 2009-10 PTO Board

-Directory is completed and has been sent to the printer.

-The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is available to discuss any issues or concerns that CHS parents may have. The committee members meet with Mr. Mollica monthly to discuss these concerns. The first PAC meeting will be on 10/1/09.

The new enhancements on the playground area have been well received, all the new installations will be complete by the end of Sept.

-Thanks to all the Class Parents for collecting PTO dues on back to school night.

1st Vice President: Alicia Martine

-No Report

2nd Vice President/Fundraising: Joyce Tulenko

-Joyce was not in attendance, Colleen Heinemann reported on her behalf regarding the Kidstuff Fundraiser. The feedback has been very positive with a 40% response (131 books) sold so far.

-Gift Wrap kits have been distributed to classrooms. Ordering is online this year, yet payment continues to go to the school by check.

-Market Day is a monthly fundraiser, this is our 3rd year participating. The website is very user friendly. Order pick ups will continue to be at Ridge High.

3rd Vice President/Newsletter: Karen Richman

-Scoop notices are due by 5:00 on Wednesday to appear in the Friday Scoop. All attachments need to be in pdf file format.

Treasurer: Candy Pescatore

-Family Fun Night is 9/25/09, we have a new D.J. We are still looking for volunteers for this event.

-The PTO budget is available for everyone to see in a handout.

Trustee: Elizabeth Barickman

-Elizabeth thanked Gina Sorrells and Amy Grotlind for their hard work in making the front garden area of the school look beautiful.

Trustee: Kristina Folkart
-No Report

Secretary: Colleen DeSalvo
-No Report

III. New Business-None

IV. Old Business-None

V. Meeting Speakers:

Liz Bagnato and Carol Bianchi-Curriculum Committee
Joe Mollica-Principal Cedar Hill School

Liz Bagnato-Liz reported that Mary Asfendis will be our guest speaker at the next General PTO meeting. Mary is the Curriculum Supervisor for the entire school district for World Language. She will be discussing what is being worked on for enrichment in our schools.

Mr. Mollica-Joe Mollica thanked all PTO members, especially Christina Ehret, Elaine Edge and Laura Page who worked hard over the summer to make the beginning of the school year run smoothly.

-The new school year is going well, the children all seem happy. Many parents are reporting their children are happy with their teacher and classmates.

-The amount of children in particular classes is a large number. Mr. Mollica discussed an unexpected growth in our community that has made our school overcrowded. The staff are prepared to handle the large class sizes, particularly in grades K and 1st. The school is working on a plan to prepare for the future to handle this issue. By Feb. 1st there will be a formal examination of our growth and how to handle it. The budget restricts the use of teachers aids in classrooms with large numbers.

-Staff Development- The 4th grade teachers are receiving training for Latin Enrichment. The amount of time they are away from the classroom is nominal.

-Substitute Teachers-we have a permanent substitute teacher at CHS. There is a plan in place in case the H1N1 flu becomes an issue.

-The BOE has a Flu Prevention Plan, new hand sanitizing containers will be installed in all schools. Children will be required to wash hands before lunch, and staff are washing common areas regularly.

-Safety procedures will be enforced daily, such as doors being locked to insure the school is safe and secure.

VI. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted, Colleen DeSalvo, Secretary

