

November 12, 2009
Cedar Hill School, 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:

- *The kindergarten teachers are very appreciative of the new tables in their classrooms.
- *The new teachers will most likely stay to help with upcoming maternity leave.
- *Thanksgiving food drive is underway, boxes are set up.
- *"Save the Rainforest Program"- Tropicana orange juice containers are being collected, this is a 4th grade focus.
- *A significant amount of time has been spent to prepare for the QSAC study (Quality Single Accountability Continuum). It studies our policies, curriculum, external and internal structure. The state conducts the study. The final report will come out in April.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Presidents: Christina Ehret/Elaine Edge-

- *Ehret voiced her concern that "Battle of the Books" and "The Science Fair" have been cut from the enrichment budget. She asked that the Board brainstorm and come up with some ideas to possibly replace these programs. Mr. Mollica agreed that these programs are very valuable to our curriculum. The Science Fair will be provided on a class by class basis for kids who show an interest. Mr. Boop will consult and help teachers if they are interested in providing Science Fair activities. It was discussed to have a Read-a-Thon type activity. Student can possibly receive points for reading. Details to be looked into: will PTO/Parents monitor progress, will it coincide with Authors Events in January? Elizabeth suggested we call the activity "Read-thru-Winter".
- *The PTO will partner with the Student Council to sponsor a Walk-a-thon possibly 1st week of March. Kristina Folkart will be liason.
- *Edge asked Mr. Mollica if it is possible to have a "Hall of Fame" bulletin board in the school that will highlight accomplishments of students. Laura Begg and Gayle Shimoun will be asked how they want to organize it.
- *Somerset Valley YMCA in Hillsborough will receive some of our old tables from the Kindergarten rooms. All agreed this is a good idea.
- *Report cards available to view online 11/20 after 3:00.
- *Ehret asked the Board about Acoustic Shells that the district would like to purchase (second hand). The PTO could possibly contribute to buy them, due to the fact Cedar Hill uses the High School auditorium at least 4x a year. The cost would be \$334. Ehret motioned to vote on the amount to be used from the budget, Pescatore 2nd and all approved.
- *There is now advertizing available in the district Friday Folder for events.

1st VP-Alicia Martine-

- *The guest speakers for the 11/13 General PTO meeting will speak first in case they need to leave. PTO officers can report afterwards.

2nd VP Fundraising-Joyce Tulenko-

*Barnes +Noble- possible door prize for students to win. Teachers will be asked to remind students to attend.

*Low interest in the Market Day ,Pie Push. Kidstuff and Gift Wrap both very successful.

*Possible new event with a sports theme such as Volleyball. Different schools can compete with each other to make it interesting, and items such as sportswear can be sold at the event.

*T.V. Raffle next year, possibly raffle an Apple computer product instead.

3rd VP Newsletter-Karen Richman

*This weeks Scoop will contain advertisement for Mt. Prospect Holiday Boutique.

Treasurer- Candy Pescatore

*Kidstuff and Bookfair were profitable, Family Fun night broke even.

Secretary-Colleen DeSalvo

Trustee-Kristina Folkart

*There is a Cultural Event the day of the Sweethearts Dance, Kristina will check if there is any conflict.

Trustee-Elizabeth Barickman

*200 bulbs were planted in the interior courtyard.

*Kindergarten Identity Kits- 12/3 at 9:15

*Gayle would like to be able to let teachers use the front case if there is availability in between events. Ehret and Edge were agreeable to this.

New Business

Old Business

The Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted, Colleen DeSalvo, Secretary