

Minutes from April 7th, 2009 PTO Meeting

Updates:

- Yearbook – is done! Sold over 160. Due into school the first week of June. Students will not receive until last day of school, with 5th grade getting one day prior.
- Spring Pictures –April 9th. Kara and Jackie to help. Students do not need to wear their uniforms.
- Bus Trip – It's a go! As of the meeting 48 paid + 4 owe + 3 more possible. Will use the 80 bottles of water leftover from FFN on trip, but will need to get additional, plus the snacks.
**Next bus trip is scheduled for 12/5/09 – NYC on your own.

New Items

- FFN was a success! Kids had a great time, with no trouble reported. Have some prizes left over that can be used towards next year, but will have to order more. Next year will tweak the amount of food. Deposited \$2,330.90 from the event with costs equaling that amount or a little more. Reminder for next year's board to keep Kyle's Bounce House (FYI-Kyle is also a sub at Tecler) as one of the activities.
- Gertrude Hawke was a huge success. Gross sales= \$13,063.00, we keep 50% plus extra for paying early, so we paid them \$6,324.61. GH came in greatly packaged and labeled for each student. Decided to keep as fundraiser at same time next year because the timing is so great with Easter.
- Candles gross sales were \$1,900.00, with PTO making \$396.00.
- New playground equipment was discussed. Decided to move forward with a company that is state certified. Voted and approved to order an X-Wave at a cost of \$5,499.00 installed.
- Ms. Dewey brought up that we will need more mulch for both playgrounds. Approved. Puthaven will be called.
- 5th grade t-shirts. Numbers have been tallied and t-shirts will be ordered. Need to get template from company for students to sign.
- 5th Grade Graduation, Great Escape Field Trip and Cook out – Flowers are being ordered through White Cottage for 5th grade students and faculty involved in graduation. Lisa Gustas is helping Misty with other preparations. We received a letter from 5th grade stating that magnet money was going to cover their field trip this year rather than PTO and for their cook out, but we are donating the remaining box of hot dogs that are frozen for their cook out.
- End of year activity. Ms. Dewey said that magnet committee is working on. We should know something by the May meeting. If they have nothing planned, PTO may try to plan an event for the children (time permitting). For future reference, dances are not permitted at the elementary level.
- Dress Code Issue – Ms. Dewey still working on getting wording changed on-line. A parent brought up the fact that it seems that other school's are not having an issue with dress code, but at Tecler it seems to be harder to get students to adhere to it. Ms. Dewey explained that this is a delicate subject for various reasons; including: financially on some families, concept that we are

an Arts in Ed school and some students feel that they should have the freedom to express themselves, etc. Ms. Dewey said that she has not seen many students in gross violation of dress code and those that have been, the parents were called to take care of the situation.

- Pre-K asked for PTO support for items needed for graduation. Approved.
- Mr. Genette looking for PTO support for Field Day for ribbons and other items needed. Approved.
- New PTO Board members appointed as follows:
 - President – Kara Dulysz
 - VP – Kelly Delos
 - Secretary – Shannon O’Neill
 - Treasurer – Jackie Priamo

- Items already slated for May’s meeting:
 - End of year event for students
 - Fall fundraiser
 - Jingle Bell Shop

- Meeting Adjourned