

PTSO Minutes

Tuesday, April 13th 7pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:04. President Rande Brown invited all in attendance to salute the flag to start the meeting.

Special thanks were given to the membership by Rande Brown for attending this meeting, as there was a last minute change to discuss matters pertaining to the budget vote on April 20th.

Old Business:

- McDonald's "McTeacher" Night was a raging success with \$460 profit. The highest profit to date from McDonalds Night. Special thanks to all those who participated and made the night extra special.
- Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale: Profit of \$2300.00 was collected. This is a phenomenal increase over last year's See's Candy Sale and will be continued next year.
- Scholastic Book Fair: While no cash profit was earned, the \$1300 was turned into Resource Credit from Scholastic (and thereby doubling the profit). This is enough to purchase the Smart Board. Book Fair Bingo was well received by the families in attendance and will be continued with the next BookFair.
- Spring Pictures: There has been a mixed response to the photographs taken by LifeTouch; however, JFK received \$150 for booking the pictures in that particular week as well as \$2 per child who sat for their portrait regardless of purchase.

New Business:

- Hoops Night: Still TBA due to scheduling conflicts.
- Snack-A-Roo will be held again in April on conference days (22nd and 23rd). Location may require changing due to the 2nd Grade's 'Dino Day' and the 3rd Grade Grandparents Day Celebration.
- Spring Flower Sale: There will be NO pre-order this year – all cash and carry. Certain items, such as bamboo plants and terrariums will be sold on consignment as well as hibiscus bushes and shrubs. Prices will range from \$2 - \$15 for average full bloom plants. Higher priced items (bushes, etc) will also be available for purchase.
- NJ ASK: Testing begins the week of May 10th. A healthy morning snack will be delivered to the children who will be testing. Nutri-Grain bars were mentioned, as was fruit; however, it was suggested to try to find more popular alternatives given that the Nutri-Grain Bars do not go over well with majority of the children.

- Benches for front of School: Purchasing new benches is going to be looked into. Hopefully can match the ones from the Playground Committee for a cohesive look. Money used will come from the PTSO general fund and not the remaining monies from the Playground Committee's balance, which is earmarked strictly for playground equipment maintenance.
- Class Picnics: The PTSO will provide \$2.50 per child towards their lunch. It is strongly recommended class parents use Sodexo, however, they are not required to. The final decision on catering will be made by each grade's class parents. The dates for the picnics are as follows: K: 6/16, 1st: 6/10, 2nd: 6/14, 3rd: 6/17, 4th: 6/15.
- There will be a CPR Class held on 4/18 & 4/22. Registration forms will be available in the office. Kennedy School receives \$10 per registrant.
- The Mont Family donated bookmarks with the Kennedy School logo on them. They will be distributed at the next Character Counts Rally. Thank you Mont Family!
- Yearbooks: 174 yearbooks have been sold.
- PTSO Executive Board: There will be an election for the 2010-2011 PTSO Executive Board on 5/25. Nomination forms will be sent home shortly.
- District Budget: Mrs. Parker was kind enough to try to fill the members in on the budget. Unfortunately, despite the plethora of questions Mrs. Parker fielded, there are little answers available to her (or the general public) at this time. All we know is that there is a proposed 4% tax increase raising the average tax approximately \$100. Even with this tax increase there will be 33 positions eliminated from the District. Mrs. Parker does not know how this budget cut will affect Kennedy School, but will keep us apprised of the situation as soon as she hears something. All in attendance had a very emotional discussion. Polls are open from 2-9pm on April 20th.