

Stone Creek School PTO Meeting Minutes
“When our parents are involved, students achieve more”
October 9, 2007

Attendees: Sandy Apps, Jill Bossow, Karen Eyrich, Carrie Cossette, Jennifer Clouatre,
Katherine Lang, Kate Smith, and LJ Bredeson.

1. Cindy Hester presented a beautiful and educational power point presentation on her trip to Japan this past summer.
2. Welcome by Sandy Apps, President
3. Sandy asked for ideas to bring parents to the PTO meetings. The following suggestions were made:
 - a. Maybe have a meeting in the morning
 - b. Topic ideas – have a teacher who is present talk about who they are and what their background and passions are.
 - c. Talk about the virtues program
4. Kat was present on Betsy’s behalf. Kat asked for a way to reimburse the teachers for extra expenses. There was discussion about what the school should provide vs. what the PTO should provide. Sandy suggested that we stay on course with not supplying school supplies but to only buy enrichment items. Sandy will talk with Kevin Kromer to find out why the board has not agreed to reimburse the teachers. Kat will send the teachers an email describing what items would fall under the enrichment category. It was agreed that the PTO will provide \$250 for enrichment items.
5. Sandy needs to get thank you notes from the kids to go to LaTour, Dominos, and The Outback for our lunch program. Kat will organize the kids and make sure this happens.
6. Jog A Thon. Sandy reported that we have received over \$4,000 more than last year already. A suggestion brought by Kat from Betsy was to get corporate sponsors for the teachers next year. We already have \$9,000 in the bank out of the total of over \$24,000 in pledges that we received. LeAnne Perry is getting the letters out to collect the money. The sticker counting was a good idea but still needs to be perfected. It was suggested that maybe we should have colors based off of classroom next year. The teachers requested better communication next year so they can support this event on a more effective level.
7. Hot lunch program. This is going well. We have a new employee to manage the food and organization. Sandy thinks we can raise \$13,000 through this program.

We need to find a helper on Tuesday. Sandy will add this to the Pony Express email.

8. Volunteers are needed for lunch and playground. Kat will communicate a time and day for training the volunteers. Karen will communicate with the home room parents to recruit the volunteers. We would like to see the new parents have an orientation to talk about pick up and drop off procedures as we still see issues with this process. Sandy asked for a universal sign to get kids under control when they are rowdy.
 9. Technology –No problems with sales. Maggie Chavez (949-9352) will help our sales on line with Spanish language.
 10. Swim Team enrichment is going well with 13 participants. We are hoping that we can offer another program like this after the ski season.
 11. Chess Enrichment is starting soon. No other details at this time.
 12. Video Production Enrichment is a new program that is in the works...possibly starting in the near future.
 13. Ski Enrichment – Beth Hauck is working with Vail Resorts to start the program. No other details at this time.
 14. Eat at Moes is next Tuesday. We raised \$300 at the last event. Hope all can attend.
 15. Spirit Wear. Hoodie is designed and ready for sales. We are waiting to hear if there will be a name change to the school before we start the sales.
 16. Budget – See attachment A. Sandy would like to amend our bylaws to keep \$2,000 in our account to carry over to the following year. All voted in amending the bylaws to reflect this change.
 17. Karen made a motion that we spend \$10,000 on a reading lab for K-2nd grade. All voted in favor of this. Kat will head up finding the program that they want to purchase and then get the PTO's debit card number and purchase the program.
 18. Karen will purchase large white boards to spend last year's end of the year gift of \$1,400.
 19. Teacher appreciation ideas were discussed while the teachers were out of the room. No details will be in the minutes in order to keep the ideas a surprise.
 20. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.
- Minutes submitted respectfully by Jill Bossow, Secretary