

Parent Council / P.I.E. Time Notes

March 8, 2010

Attendance: Erin DeBlieck, Lisa Hofferbert, Sara Orth, Maureen Pettis, Alie Hemanson, Karen Snay, April Rao Amy Leonard and Tracy Stewe. Staff members present were: Principal, Mrs. Nancy Kluck.

Welcome and introductions

PIE News / updates:

Box tops Fall Campaign – sent in 5033 box tops = \$503.30. We have one more submission on June 15th so keep sending them until then.

February Conferences – Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with food and dessert. The teachers are very grateful.

Year End Celebration – Ideas fro year end celebration? Dance? Carnival? Combo?

A committee was formed to plan the event*:

Amy Leonard, Maureen Pettis, Lisa Hofferbert, Tracy Stewe, Erin DeBlieck, Alie Hermanson, Karen Snay and Sara Orth. Lisa has volunteered to chair the event.

*Any parents are welcome to help plan the end of the year event. If you'd like to help, please contact the parent council or South office.

The planning committee may be contacting parents for volunteers. First we will be contacting the National Honor Society (Tracy), the Girl Scouts (Lisa) and the Volunteer Center (Amy) to see if we can get non-parent volunteers first so that all the parents can enjoy the event. If those groups cannot help, we will send a note home to parents to request volunteers. The next planning committee meeting is April 12 at 5:30 pm, an hour before the next Parent Council / PIE meeting.

Date we are looking at for the event is Friday, May 21. That may change as that is the date for the second date of the Music program. Other dates we are looking at are April 30 and May 7.

If we do a carnival, we need to check into what games we can get. Lisa is contacting Sunrise Assembly, Tracy is contacting North, Erin is looking through the storage room at South and Karen is contacting the Rec center. Please send your lists to Lisa (clshoff@mchsi.com). Ideas for the carnival are to contact local businesses to donate small prizes for give away at the games. Game ideas are the penny hunt, prize walk, face painting, bingo, fish pond; all will depend on what we find/get.

How can we add STAR pride into the event? Mrs. Kluck is working on that with Miss Thompson. Parents should bring their camera to the event.

A recommendation was made that we ask families to bring pennies to the event for the food shelf or some designated charity that we will donate them to. In

exchange students will get 25 tickets to play the games. All students will receive tickets regardless of bringing pennies.

Food will be served at the event. Amy is in charge of pop, Maureen is in charge of pizza and Karen is in charge of cookies. We would have food at 5:30 pm and the dance or carnival from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. We will send a flyer home when details are set.

Treasurer Update – Update on funds available from the Parent Council fundraising account (Sara Orth).

There is a total of \$843 in the account that had already been allocated to respective grades/departments for them to use. They need to use it by the end of this school year or it will go back to the general fund. There is \$8600 in the general fund; \$756 will go to Science Museum and about \$500 for the Conference Food which will give the general fund a balance of about \$7300. We need to leave a balance of \$1500 for the following year. Ideas were considered on how to spend the funds. Parent council has approved \$938.68 to Mrs. Maloney for outside toys like balls, chalk etc. She also requested additional funds for bouncers for the SMART room, but she has a balance of \$400 in her phy-ed account, which she can use for that. She has also requested \$4K for a peaceful playground package that includes stencils and equipment that has not been approved at this time. Mrs. Kluck has requested funds to purchase t-shirts for STAR pride. We would purchase 400 t-shirts now and give for the next school year and then purchase 150 t-shirts each year for incoming kindergarten. This is being considered and not approved at this time.

Pancake breakfast fundraiser update – raised more funds this year than the last two years. 2010 net proceeds of \$2,903; 2009 net proceeds of \$2,423 and 2008 net proceeds of \$2,784. Thank you so much to all of the parent and teacher volunteers and businesses that supported South as well as our amazing students that worked that day!

Book Fair/Art Fair/Family Game night – scheduled for April 8th.

Miscellaneous topics –

Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota – May 15 at the Madison East Mall parking lot will be hosting an Imagine Summer outside festival. A big celebration of summer with free resources on what families can do to have a successful summer. Featuring live entertainment and food vendors as well as a Vehicle Fair. The Amazing Castle Traveling Exhibit is currently open inside of the Madison East Mall open now through May 9th. The Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota is based on the same theory of the

SMART room with learning through movement/activity. More info found at www.cmsouthernmn.org.

If you have any questions about PIE, please contact Erin at: erinchad@myclearwave.net.

**Next Parent Council meeting / PIE Time –
April 12th at 6:30 pm in the media center
Featuring Asst. Principal Rachel Larson presenting, “Say Yes to No.”
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.**