

CEDAR HOLLOW PTO MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

*Meeting called to order by J. Laub at 1733.

ATTENDANCE: Deanna Carlson, Kari Schmidt, Janel Laub, Joan Browning, Rachel Rathman, Lori Brown, Jamie Jankovitz, Lisa Whelen, Susan Toner, Stefanie Balcom, Steve Morris, Susie Canfield, June Atkins and Lori Beiber.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion to approve minutes made by Janel Laub. Motion accepted by Jamie Jankovitz and 2nd by Susan Toner.

TREASURER REORT: Jamie Jankovitz reported that the t-shirts were an overall success and ended up about \$30-\$40 off on the budget. There was a Target check that was received for \$182.89 and this was put towards the Fundraising budget. Mr. Brown's payment was put under Misc. for the budget, but was actually budgeted for last year. The total budget to date is \$8,112.74. * Motion was made by Jamie J. to approve the Treasurer's Report. This motion was accepted by Lisa Whelen and 2nd by Deanna Carlson.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S REPORT: The lists of PTO parents had been compiled and distributed to the appropriate committees.

CORRESPONDENCE: Janel L. reported that the PTO have received a thank you from the teachers for the goodie bags that they received at the beginning of the year.

MR. MORRIS REPORT: Thank you for the picnic it was a great success again this year. Parent-teacher conferences are coming up and thank in advance for the meal provided for the teachers during these days. Thanks for the spirit locker decorations, they look great. Milt is coming Oct. 1st to begin the fundraising and it will end on Oct. 14th. Trick or trunk is scheduled for Oct. 30. There will be no costumes for K-3 this year, we are following suit with the other feeder schools. The Halloween parties are from 230 to 300. Achievement testing will begin next week. It will be given in the fall, winter and spring to track how students are doing. It is a new process and is a computer based testing that will show how our students are doing in our classrooms and how they fit in nationally. We have received 25 new laptop computers to help get this testing completed. He recommends that we roll out the parent contact lists anytime now. Report cards will be sent out Friday, Oct. 16. There is an informational meeting about the middle school on Oct. 15. The vote on the middle school will be on Nov. 10 and only residents of the school district are allowed to vote which is about 3.000 registered voters right now.

NEW BUSINESS: There is a program through Hy-Vee called smart points and Kari Schmidt is going to check into this and see if Cedar Hollow can get registered and then get information out to students. There is another program through Hy-Vee that is called smiles for education and each student can register themselves and their school for a

weekly drawing to win various prizes including \$5,000 to their school. This information will be collected and sent out to students and families at the same time as the smart points.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FUNDRAISING: The fundraising will start Oct. 1st and go through Oct. 14th. Milt will be here Oct. 1 to get the deli international fundraiser information out. We will continue with the pig races also.

TEACHER APPRECIATION: Susan T. reported that there will be a meeting Oct. 6th for the parents at Lori Hocks house. They have 37 parents on the teacher appreciation committee. They usually start the year with a meeting for all the parents and then communicate throughout the year via email. This meeting will include providing food for the teachers during parent teacher conferences.

ROOM PARENTS: The room parents have been picked and they have the dates set for the parties. They will send out notes with expectations and guidelines for the parties to the parents this year.

T-SHIRTS: The early orders have arrived and delivered and we are still waiting on the second order which was finalized and placed on Sept. 1.

LIBRARY: They will have the book fair during the parent/teacher conferences again this year. They sell about 250-300 books during this time and they will use the same system that they used last year. This system worked well for receipts and keeping track of the money.

BOX TOPS: Rachel Rathman, Lori Brown and June Atkins volunteered to be the collectors and counters for the box tops this year. We will continue with the prize for the class that earns the most box tops quarterly. The first box top collection is Oct. 9th. We are looking for donations for the prizes for example ice cream.

HOSPITALITY: The picnic was a great success.

CARNIVAL: Nothing to report at this time.

YEARBOOK: The first installment has been paid for this year.

SPECIAL DATES

OCT. 1ST FUNDRAISER PACKETS GO HOME

OCT. 9 NOON DISMISSAL- END OF 1ST QUARTER

OCT. 20 AND 22 NOON DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

OCT.23 NO SCHOOL

OCT. 26 NEXT PTO MEETING

OCT. 29 PICTURE RETAKES

OCT. 30 HALLOWEEN CLASSROOM PARTIES AND TRICK OR TRUNK