

Gainfield Elementary School

PTO Meeting Minutes

Friday May 14, 2010 9:30 AM

Present: Lisa Perelmuter, Karen Reilly, Tracy Chabrier, Nikki Kulis, Matt Salvestrini, Cathy DeCarli, Gabby Addison, Sherrie Romano, Sharon Martovich, Crystal McTaggart, Melissa Duda

Motion made by Tracy Chabrier to adopt the minutes of the April 7, 2010 Gainfield PTO meeting. Seconded by Crystal McTaggart. Passed unanimously.

**Presidents Report (Karen Reilly)**

- Announced that PTO will be restructured with different positions for the next school year

**Treasurer's Report (Tracy Chabrier)**

- Reviewed major inflows and outflows on cash flow statement 4/1/10 – 4/30/10
- Stated an ending estimated restricted cash balance of \$20,772.09

**Principal's Report (Matt Salvestrini)**

- Reminded parents that he has provided an option for parents to provide input for class placement
- Announced new program "Caught being Good" award which will be given to recognize any student who a staff member witnesses good behavior. Award will be placed in front hall bulletin board.
- Thanked parents and teachers for their support at this years' PTO dinner
- Announced the volunteers of the year, Crystal McTaggart and Ellen McDougall, also recognized help of all parents during the school year

**Teacher Representative Report (Nikki Kulis)**

- Announced that Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was met with much success
- Commented that Teachers were very pleased that the profits from the book sale earned them extra classroom books

**BOE Liaison Report (Steve Suriani via Karen Reilly)**

- Reported that the Annual District BOE meeting was held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was dedicated to honoring each school's volunteer of the year
- Reviewed the regular BOE meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Meeting was very well attended by parents concerned about the recent drug bust at the High School. Parents are urging that drug sniffing dogs be brought in to help the situation. Current school policy is to allow the dogs. Parents spoke of new initiative to form an action group focusing on drug awareness and prevention.
- Next BOE meeting will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the High School

**Budget Awareness Committee (Ellen MacDougall via Karen Reilly)**

- Announced that the budget passed on the first vote
- Discussion ensued regarding next year's budget concerns and forming a group aimed at educating Southbury citizens about the repercussions involved in not providing support of the Southbury school budget

**Carnival (Nikki Kulis)**

- Announced that last night's organizational meeting was well attended
- Stated that 5 free tickets will go home with each student to "hype-up" attendance
- Requested more volunteers needed; e-mail blast will be sent

**Dads and Donuts (Monica Burnham, Angela Holland, Maria Sexauer via Karen Reilly)**

- Reported successful event with excellent attendance

**Mother's Day Plant Sale (Crystal McTaggart)**

- Thanked all volunteers
- Reported highest profit for event since origination
- Expressed thanks to all teachers and to Danny and Mr. Salvestrini

**Box Tops (T. Labonia and K. Bragg via Karen Reilly)**

- Stated that fliers went home this week with sheets attached to collect box tops; additional sheets available in office
- Congratulated Mrs. Clement's class for collecting the most box tops- 1,358; this class celebrated with a pizza party
- Announced earnings of \$578.20

**Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (K. Hirschauer via Karen Reilly)**

- Stated that luncheon was a huge success
- Thanks to all volunteers and most especially to Sharon Todhunter and Danny for all their help during the day

**Spirit Day (Lesley Evans via Karen Reilly)**

- Announced spirit Day was postponed due to weather and will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Author/Illustrator (Karen Reilly)**

- Announced that Gabby Addison and Patty Windover will chair committee next year
- Reviewed success of recent Brian Pinckney's visit to Gainfield
- Stated that author Jack Halpert's visit to Gainfield will be postponed until next year

**New Business**

**Announcements**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Perelmuter  
PTO Secretary

**ADDENDUM TO MAY 14, 2010 GAINFIELD MINUTES**

**The following officers were voted in for the 2010-2011 school year:**

Vice President Fundraising: Sherrie Romano Vice President Grants: Joshuaine Toth Vice President Enrichment: Noah Toth  
Treasurer: Donna Jensen  
Secretary: Sharon Martovich

The following PTO positions are open:

Perpetual Fund Representative  
5th grade yearbook  
GES Scrapbook Coordinator