

**Pomfret Community School
PTO Minutes
5/12/09 7pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by PTO President, **Melissa Zahansky**. **Jane Hale** motioned the approval of the minutes and **Brenda Bullied** second the motion. **Melissa** opened the meeting with a test “*Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences*”. Following a quick review, the group agreed that a well rounded program will benefit all children. The group shared responses and agreed that everyone learns differently. With concern of budget cuts, all children could be forced to learn in the same way. **Howard Gardner** is a well known believer that every child has the desire to learn, they just learn in different ways. Upon sharing responses, the group agreed to spread the word of the importance of attending the budget approval meeting.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

The AWESOME new PCS Website: The response has been phenomenal!!! **Jane Hale** excitedly shared that on the very first day of operation, **65** people used it! **WOW!!!** A standing ovation to honor the integrity of **Lisa Burgess, Jane Hale, Veronica Vaida** and the many contributors that brought this amazing process to fruition!!! The amount of hours **Lisa** graciously donated are endless and the PTO has agreed on a gift as a token of our immense gratitude. **Cheryl Nuttall** suggested a \$100 gift package to the Vineyard Valley Golf Club. **Veronica** made a motion to pass and **Jane** second the motion. **Sandy Navarro** has agreed to pick it up (*Thanks, Sandy!*)

ELECTIONS:

There are openings for (3) director positions. Tina Cunningham and Jessica Zagrodny will be relinquishing their positions and Veronica Vaida will be fulfilling the role as Treasurer. We applaud their many many years of dedication! **THANK YOU!!!**

TEACHER APPRECIATION:

Teacher Appreciation week will be celebrated daily 5/3-5/9, with many cost effective tokens of appreciation . **Brenda Bullied** has photos and Gertrude Hawke chocolates and **Brenda** will be constructing a scrapbook page for each teacher to add to each year. The Teacher Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, in order to include the 14 teachers that will have just returned from the Washington DC trip. **Susan Horn** and **Karen DeLuca** will be coordinating the breakfast and will need many volunteers to help.

LOOSE CHANGE CHALLENGE:

This years earnings will be used to buy a new Science cart. **Melissa** will ask **Rhonda Wishart** if she would continue this? **Brenda** volunteered to make the chart.

PRINCIPAL/TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE:

Principal, **Jane Dion**, was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a Board of Ed meeting tomorrow night and a departure to Italy on Thursday morning! *Ciao, Jane!* Have a wonderful trip, *Arivadaci!*

PLANT SALE:

The plant sale is on 5/7 & 5/8. **Erin Wilcox & Karen DeLuca** will need volunteers for both mornings and for all day on Thursday.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, **Sandy Navarro**, presented the budget update. **Brenda** made a motion to approve, **Dena** second the motion.

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Brenda Bullied asked @ creating an online survey on the new website to ask for feedback on the Gertrude Hawke chocolate fundraiser...quality? Cost? Etc...

EARTH DAY:

Brenda is coordinating the collecting of ink cartridges and cell phones. Kids can even take a drop off box home for parents to take to work with them. PTO gets \$ back. **Jane Hale** suggested emailing the Pomfret Proprietor resources to ask for their ink cartridges, laser cartridges, etc...NOTE: PCS receives points back from Price Chopper, Big Y and Target. **Melissa** will ask **Sue Horn** @ updated statements.

ENRICHMENT:

Jane Hale expressed much enjoyment was had by grades 7 & 8 during the Latin Dancing 1.5 hour instructional and dance off. The teachers really seemed to enjoy it! Possible idea to bring *Kelly & Oswald* back from "Grasshopper Arts". **Jane** reported difficulty in calls being returned from "Kids on the Block". At present, no return call or confirmation. **REMINDER:** Come one, come all- This is a "don't miss" event! Award winning artist, *Rob Serrett*, will be performing at 9:30 am, Wednesday, May 20.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. **Jane** made a motion to adjourn and **Veronica** second the motion. The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 7pm in the PCS Library.

Thank You,
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HOOPING:

Hoop Dance is held every Thursday night, from 6:30-7:30 in the Pomfret School Wrestling Room (1st floor). Cost is \$5/class.