

**Pomfret Community School
PTO Minutes
3/10/09 7pm**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by PTO President, **Melissa Zahansky**. **Jane Hale** motioned the approval of the minutes; **Brenda Bullied** second the motion. **Melissa** opened the meeting by asking the group “Who was your favorite teacher and why?” and she also asked “Did you ever consider becoming a teacher? Why? Or why not?” After sharing responses and fond memories, the group agreed what a significant role teachers play.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Introduction/New Vice President: **Melissa** was pleased to announce **Jane Hale** as the Vice President of the PTO. **Thank you, Jane!**

Loose Change for Science: The Loose Change collection will be used to create a new Science cart. **NOTE: VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO DIRECT THIS**, Please contact **Melissa** if interested.

Soups for Conferences: **Jane** suggested the PTO put together some nibbles for the teachers during conference week. **Lisa Semancik** and **Sally Rogers** were present and said they already provide this. The PTO agreed to do desserts and clean up.

TV Turn-off Week 4/20/09-4/26/09:

Will be a collaboration; **Liz Gilmore** and **Wendy Durand** will do themes for younger kids. **Sandy Navarro** will handle the prizes/raffle items. **NOTE:** Looking for ideas for Grand Prize as an incentive for older kids. **Renee Holden** suggested possibly an I Tunes card?

Principal/Teacher Representative: **Principal, Jane Dion**, took a well deserved reprieve from tonight’s meeting. **Sally Rogers** was present, in place of **Teacher Representative, Amy Henry**. **Sally** briefly reviewed the plans for Cultural Arts Week. This is the 17th year and this year will be BOLIVIA! A volunteer is needed for 4/6/09 to set up the stage. Please contact **Sally** if interested. **Jane** suggested **Irma Allegretti** for this position. **Abby Jones** will do the marketplace with **Jane Hale**. **Renee Holden** will coordinate the docents for Grades K-3 and **Carol Rogers** will be in charge of docents for Grades 4-8. The PCS website has many links offering ideas for docents. **Sally** applauded **Cheryl Nuttall** for a great job with the PTO Manager.

Budget: **Dena Haberbosch** made a motion to approve the budget and **Veronica** 2nd the motion.

Enrichment: **Jane Hale** is actively looking for input from others on Enrichment ideas and for volunteers, please contact **Jane** if you are available. **Jane** gave an update of upcoming Enrichment programs: Thursday 3/19/09, *Sharon Katz* and *The Peace Train*

will be doing workshops with Grades 4&6 and the students will later perform in the afternoon for the rest of the school. **Jane** shared that there is a potential contract for an upcoming Enrichment program on 5/20/09 with Robe Serrett's "*Amazing Hero Art*" more information will follow. **Jane** is also awaiting confirmation on an Enrichment program tentatively scheduled for 4/30/09, "*Kids On The Block*".

PCS Website: Jane & Veronica are looking for feedback from parents. **Jane** will be calling parents and teachers to come and try the new website and discuss it's "usability" and if it's navigation friendly.

Reading Night: Melissa shared a letter from Principal, **Jane Dion**, applauding **Veronica Vaida** on such a successful Reading Night. **Melissa** praised Veronica's planning. **Veronica** and **Melissa** unanimously agreed that the 8th grade volunteers did a terrific job! **Renee Holden** praised **Veronica** for the timing this year, she said "it was a night out".

Family Bingo: Sincere gratitude to **Arthur & Eileen Diaz**. There was a good turnout of @ 70 people.

Fundraising: Brenda Bullied looking for volunteers to tally chocolate sales on Wednesday, 3/18/09 from 8:30-10:30am. **Lisa Semancik** offered to post chocolate fundraiser packet in the teacher's lounge. **Brenda** is also looking for volunteers for (1) hour windows to sell sweatshirts at parent/teacher conferences. **IMPORTANT: Brenda** is looking for help fundraising, especially for next year, come one, come all, come quick!

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

Thank You,
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