

PTO MEETING: September 10, 2002

Attendees: Cathy Crockford, Wendy Chappuis, Kathleen Hubbard, Melinda Puglisi, Bernice AndersEn, Kerry McEleney, Jennifer Petitti, John Hansen, Jeanne Chute, Julie Goewey, Reed Goewey, Linda Allen, Jenny Vierus, Cindy Hambrook, Justin Chapman, Kathy Ryan, Colleen Nungesser, Rose DeMars, Patsy Slothower, Juli Hird, Mary Mailand, Linda Danielovich, Alex Adriance.



Welcome and Introduction of officers: Cathy Crockford President, Colleen Nungesser Vice-President, Wendy Chappuis Treasurer, Alex Adriance Secretary. Thanks were given to Kerry McEleney. Linda Danielovich and Liz Smith were thanked for painting the lines on the playground. The four square is popular and there is room for one more. Eliza Berg and Charly Johnston are babysitting during the meeting.

Innisbrook Wraps fundraiser will run from September 12—23. Information will be sent home on September 12. This year there will be a contest to guess how many race cars are on the package. There is a prize for the winner. Jennifer Elliott is setting up the display and running this fundraiser.

Fair Parking. Juli Hird commented that parking over 3 days made it easier on the 6th graders and their families and allowed more time to enjoy the fair. It was recommended to have students wear the “field trip yellow shirts” so that the children are more visible to drivers. Juli Hird and Renee Hill will share the responsibility for the sign and will do a sign up sheet for 2 hour shifts. However, as this year’s sixth grade is a small class more help will be needed. To attract attention some of the students wore “sandwich” boards advertising the parking and used pompoms.

Book Fair this year will be using Usborne Books and Bayswater would again set up some tables. This year the teachers’ books would come out of the PTO budget. Linda Allen will again run the bake sale and do a soup kitchen. The Usborne representative can help out on the day and there will be books for sale as well as orders taken. As the books are more educational by design, it was suggested that teachers look at the catalog first and have a list of books that are relative to class subjects which students can then choose if they wish. Conor Crockford suggested that Bayswater brings books that are on the NY Times Children’s book list. Dates for the Book Fair are December 6, 7, 8. It is important to have a good selection of books from both Usborne and Bayswater and that these should include some lighter types of books for children. John Hansen suggested that the teachers look through the Usborne catalog and come up with a wish list of books to be purchased for the school. These books can have a nameplate put in with the child’s name.

Budget—a meeting was held before school started and goals were set out. The school trip is still being investigated. The total budget came to \$7,705 and is based on previous years. Money has been put aside for field trips.

Student Council will be set up next week.

Student Directory will once again be done by Mary Mailand. She will be sending home forms soon and will this year ask for email addresses if people want to share them.

Sandwich Fair Float theme this year is patriotic. Justin Chapman offered to help and is looking for volunteers. Floats are fun to do and children enjoy them. Call Cathy Crockford 284-6113 if you are interested.

Campbell Soup labels are time consuming and do not generate that much for the school. Bernice AndersEn said she felt that a program like the one at Shop N Save would be far more beneficial to the school and she would look into it. At Shop N Save if you buy three of the same products the school receives a dollar. Factory Outlets also do a similar program. Bernice's help with the Campbell Soup labels is much appreciated. Jeanne Chute reported that the box tops for education were certainly worth continuing. Thank you Bernice and Jeanne for helping with these projects.

Reach The Beach Relay Race is on September 27 and 170 teams are expected to come through Sandwich. The PTO will supply food, water, rest rooms, and a rest area. It was agreed to have a gorp mixture this year in small bags and fruit available for the runners along with soup. Soups are being donated by The Corner House, Cathy Crockford, Carol Clark, Linda Allen and Kerry McEloney. A letter will be sent home asking for oranges, and gorp mixture and each grade will be asked to provide a particular item. Castle Springs is donating some water. Help will be needed on Friday evening, please call Carol Clark after 6 pm for more information 284-7191. Kids aged 16 and older may help if they are accompanied by a parent. The theme is Hawaiian so items can be brought to the school to help decorate.

Heather's Team. Sue Greene, Diane Booty, Juli Hird and Alex Adriance are doing a 5K walk to raise money for the NH Lung Assoc. Heather's Team is in memory of Heather Peaselee. All donations are gratefully received. There is an envelope in the Teacher's Lounge and donations need to be received by September 21.

School Field Trip. The teachers had discussed the matter and decided that going annually to the Boston Museum of Science would lose its impact. The N.E. Aquarium does a sleepover but it is more expensive and less educational in structure. Pinkham Notch had been considered but after further investigation it did not seem to fit the school's requirements. Other ideas are the museum in Norwich, VT and the Science Center in Holderness. Another possibility is Nature's Classroom. Generally people felt that an overnight was not necessary every year.

Harvest Dinner. Cindy Hambrook has volunteered to organize the dinner this year and Patsy Slothower will be around to offer assistance.

Teacher Requests are as follows: Jennifer Petitti would like \$200 to continue with book club. Linda Allen would like new Reading Manipulatives. She has some sets and if they are successful would like some more.

NEXT PTO MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 2:45 PM