

MES PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 20, 2005

AGENDA

1. Call to order at 9:35am by President Barbara Tzezos
 - a. Introduced Executive Board
 - b. Monthly Raffle – we will have a raffle at each PTO meeting
 - c. Committee Chair Binders – please pick up your binder. It contains the bylaws and committee information. Barbara needs a plan of what each committee plans to do for the year.
 - d. Student Directory/Email Distribution List – should be ready by beginning of October. These are for SCHOOL USE ONLY – nothing outside this. Please abide by these rules.
 - e. General Reminders – all correspondence has to be approved by Mr. Zmary and Barbara
 - f. PTO Advisory – Amy VonCulin – there are 2 reps from each school. Deal with region issues and school events.
 - i. Discussed Forum with Board of Education Candidates from Middlebury and Southbury at High School.
 - ii. 2 Task Forces – Review curriculum and Holiday Celebrations – need 1 other member for this
2. Secretary's Report/Minutes – Nancy Belden
Minutes will be put in the newsletter and on the website
3. Treasurer's Report – Anna Forino
 - a. Vote on 2005-2006 Budget
Explained increase in Yearbook to purchase new software and digital camera
Motion to approve budget made and approved.
New check request form for reimbursing expenses
4. Board of Education Liaison – Jackie Post
MES opened with 442 kids. Dr. Paddyfote discussed proposal for alternate methods to school financing, Submitted copy of report to Board, Bill Harley concert at High School. Great kids event
5. Principal's Report – Jack Zmary
 - a. We had a very smooth opening. Opening speech by 2005- 2006 Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Benson
 - b. Family Fun Night was a great event – thanks to Jackie Post and Anna Forino and PTO.
 - e. Open house sessions –
Tonight 9/20 – grades K – 2
Thursday, 9/22 - grade 3
 - f. CSDE will be running a Beginning Educator Seminar and Training (BEST) next Friday at MES.
 - g. Budget Update – belt tightening due to increasing energy prices.
 - h. PTO Grant requests were handed out during first faculty meeting.

- i. PA system – just about finished should be ready in time for Grade 4 Celebrations October 27th.
- j. Enrollment Update – 442 kids this year (444 last year)

6. Committee Reports

- a. Teacher Rep – Barbara Butler
Introduced herself – 1st grade teacher for 18 years. School off to a great start.
- b. Art room Coordinator – Caron Reilly – no report
- c. Community Service Coordinators – Janine Altamirano and Jackie Mulhall - no report
- d. Cultural Arts Mary Ann Dzinski, Kathleen Doan
Ron Roy coming Oct 24 - A to Z mysteries. Book orders are due Oct 4 and he will sign all books
- e. Family Social Events Coordinators – Jackie Mulhall and Nancy Belden
Plans to do Family Bingo night and possible outings to hockey and/or baseball and rollerskating night.
- f. Friendship – Mary Tesch
Cards to Janine Altamirano and Matt Dowling, Baby gift to Mrs Funderburk. And dinner to Hanks family. If you hear of any occasions – please let Mary know.
- g. Garden Coordinator – Dana Dowling
No report
- h. Great Books Coordinator – Jill Hutchison – Grade 3 to start Oct/Nov. These are like book clubs where you read a book and discuss it. Held 8:15am – 9am.
- i. Gym Coordinator – Amy VonCulin – gymnastics in spring only.
- j. Hospitality – Janet Gagas, Jen Minchella, Kelly Perrotti
Will hold Teachers Brunch the last Friday of every month starting at 8am. Will use bakers list to get volunteers.
- k. Newsletter Coodinator –Anna Forino
Passed out Newsletter deadline list
- l. Perpetual Fund Reps – Susan Broderick, Caron Reilly and Dee Woodward
Drive-in Movie fundraiser at Quassy went well.
- m. Program Incentives
Leslie House to do box tops.
Mary Ann Dzinski to do Labonne's
Need someone to organize the rest.
- n. Publicity – Giselle Boyadjian and Dana Dowling
Let them now of any grade level events and they will come and take pictures.
- o. Scrapbook Coordinators – Anna Forino and Julie Koulouris
E-mail or send any pictures to Anna.
- p. Student Recognition – Nancy Belden, Michelle McCormack
We send birthday cards to students and teachers and do the Birthday Board in Library.
- q. Volunteer Coordinators – Jackie Desmarais and Karen Nocera
Will give a list of volunteers to each committee.
- r. Ways and Means Coordinator – Julie McDonald and Nina Walsh
Innsbruck – good return so far. Delivery sometime in November.
Met with Mrs. Miller and will be doing a personalized item sale.
- s. Website Coordinator – Anna Forino
Anna volunteered to do.

- t. Yearbook – Leslies House
Going with a new company this year – all digital. Will use Pagemaker. If you have pictures e-mail or send them to Leslie.
7. Old Business
- a. Back to School Family Fun Night – Anna Forino and Jackie Post
Great event – Thanks to all who worked. Cost \$953.00 – the rest was donations. If anyone has ideas or suggestions let Jackie or Anna know.
8. New Business
- a. Teacher Grants- Barbara Tzepos
Deadline is Oct 7. Meeting to review grants Oct 21. Executive Board and the following volunteered to participate in the meeting: Mary Ann Dzinski, Jill Civitello and Jackie Mulhall.
 - b. Fall Book Fair – Colleen Johnstone
Either Oct 17 – 19 or Oct 19-21. If you would like to volunteer – contact Colleen.
 - c. Spring Social Event – Jackie Mulhall and Kim Seman
April 8th at Greek Church. Food/Wine/Music/Auction/Raffle.
\$50 per person – flyer to reserve tickets will go out next week – there is limited space – so reserve early.
Passed out list of volunteers and committee heads. If anyone would like to volunteer – next meeting is Tues Oct 11 7pm at the Greek Church. Also if anyone would like to donate an auction item/service let us know.
 - d. Library Gift Sale – Nancy Belden
To be held Fri Dec 2 10:30 – 1:30pm and 3:00 – 7:00 pm and Sat Dec 3 10:00am – 1:00 pm. We are setting up committee chairs for raffle, silent auction, bake sale, set-up/clean-up, wrapping area. Please start looking through your things – we are looking for new and/or gently used items (toys, men’s ties, gold supplies, tools, Christmas items, frames, craft items and anything else you can find). You can bring them to the library starting Oct 15.
Next Meeting Mon Sept 26 at Mary Ann Dzinski’s house
 - e. Apparel Sale – Barbara Tzepos
Will be held in October. Cricket is our mascot.
May plan Spirit Day for school.
 - f. Other –
 - i. PTO Advisory donation of \$200 – approved
 - ii. PTO Today article on Coast to Coast written by Jackie Mulhall
 - iii. We are collecting books in library for St Mary’s Children’s Clinic.
9. Next PTO Meeting – Tuesday October 25 at 7:00 pm
10. Adjournment – 11:00am