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October 17, 2006

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Maria Beltramello at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance: Maria Beltramello, Jen Minchella, Karen Bonnanzio, Julie Koulouris, Jack Zmary and several parents and attendees.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved by a motion from Jackie Post and seconded by Caron Reilly.

President's Report

- The Mission Statement and the Logo for the MES PTO is moving forward.
- Maria Beltramello will chair the committee to develop new PTO Bylaws and asked if anyone would be interested in joining the committee. Jackie Post and Tracey Griffin joined the committee.
- The Teacher Grant committee will be chaired by Maria Beltramello. Nancy Belden, Julie Koulouris and Maryanne Dzsinskiare interested in becoming committee members.
- Committee binders will be developed to provide guidance year after year for new committee chairs. Target date for binder updates is the end of October.
- A Winter Event was discussed. An idea for the children to decorate holiday cards so as to send them to our military troops, for use by them.

Secretary's Report

- Discussed the need for committee and chairs heads.
- Undated binders will be ready at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The budget for the current school year was distributed and reviewed by the Board and PTO members. Discussed included:

- The final numbers were not in on Innisbrook but it looked to be about \$7800 to \$8000 raised.

Board of Education Report

- Board of Education meeting was cancelled, no information provided.

Principal's Report

- Jack Zmary presented his report see attached document
- 1. Key points included:
 - Enrollment now at 460
 - Space needs across Region 15
 - Gym Ceiling
 - PTO Grants
 - PTO funded purchases
 - Security
 - Book Fair
 - Picture Day
 - Parent Conferences

Teacher Representative

- Middlebury Fire Department visited the school and put on a fabulous presentation on fire safety. The whole school was invited not just the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes.
- 1st graders are studying ladybugs and received their ladybug larvae.
- 1st graders have a stack of ladybug books at their disposal made possible by last years teacher grants. Thank You.

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Old Business

- Allocation of Spring Social Funding – no committee will be set up at this time. At this time the funds will be deposited into CDs. A committee will be set up in a couple of months. Potential Chairs include Jackie Post and Jill Civitello. Representatives from each grade as well as teachers will be members of this committee. Jack Zamary sees no pressing needs at this time and will be working with the teachers on this issue.

New Business

- Discussed need for Committee Coordinators for Open positions, looking to recruit parents to fill those spots.
- Thanksgiving Baskets- St. Mary's Hospital is not asking for Thanksgiving Baskets this year. A food drive was decided upon to help the Middlebury food bank and/or DCYF.
- Maryanne Dzsinski talked about the visiting author Doreen Rappaport.
- A school wide email address system for PTO use was discussed.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, November 21st at 7:00pm