

MES PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 15, 2005

Minutes

1. Call to order and President's Report
 - a. PTO Advisory Committee Report – Jackie Mulhall
Karen Kirk is looking for pictures. Discussed Coffee with Dr. Sippy at your house and invite your neighbors to discuss budget.
2. Secretary's Report/Minutes – Nancy Belden
No report
3. Treasurer's Report – Carol Brunick
Book Fair made \$400 over budget. Poinsetta sale was \$150 over budget.
Innisbrook was \$2000 short. Executive Board will meet before next PTO meeting to go over budget.
4. Principal's Report – Jack Zamary
Grade 4 Celebrations went well. It was a great performance and students in the audience were excellent.
We will be using Cultural Arts funding for Celebrations in order to have someone come in to support the event.
There is a new book donation box on the right in the Library. Books will be given to St. Mary's Children's Hospital Clinic.
Jump Rope for Heart went well today. It raised \$9432.
AM Kindergarten and delayed openings: Starting Feb 28 am Kindergarteners will go to school at 10:30 and be released at their regular time. A note will go home tomorrow.
Snow day update: Three snow days to date. Last day of school is currently Monday June 20. We only have five more snow days until April vacation is affected.
Presented excerpt form Superintendent's Budget Presentation. Main focus was on enrollment trends. Trend at MES is upwards in the last 3 years.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Board of Education – Joan Papa: A lot of Southbury parents talked about overcrowding in classes. Budget presentation showed not much room for reductions. Discussed need to get people out to vote. It is possible that there will not be funding for a resource officer. Region 15 is the 35th wealthiest district so we get 3% funding from state and 97% from taxes. People could talk to legislators. Jackie Post to provide sample form letter to sign and pass out. Jackie Mulhall will get information to PTO advisory.

- b. Teacher Rep – Cynthia Flisher:
Dr Seuss' birthday coming up and first graders are dressing up as their book character. First grade has been in a reading challenge that has gotten kids excited about reading. First grade celebrations date has been changed to Mar 17.
 - c. Ways & Means – Beth Marino, Nina Walsh
Personalized Note card sale: Nancy Belden said card sale is doing well with approximately 60 sets sold so far. Deadline is this Friday, Feb 17.
The personalized item sale will be put off until spring or may not do it at all this year.
 - d. Friendship – Mary Tesch, Donna Sherwood
No report
 - e. Art Coordinators –Georgia Candiotti, Jackie Desmarais
No report
 - f. Membership
Monday Feb 21 – Rollerskating Party \$5.00 per person.
 - g. Yearbook – theme is Our Time to Shine
\$12.50 cost and will be put on paypal. Deadline for ordering is Feb 28.
There will be a new photographer next fall, Lisa Daunis. She is local photographer with quality pictures. There is discussion of a new yearbook company for next year.
 - h. Coast to Coast Marathon will start Mar 1 and go until mid May. April 1 will add recess. Packets have been sent out to kids. Sign up sheets have been sent out requesting volunteers for the morning. We are looking for sponsorship money to help out with costs of approx \$2000. Donations can be made on paypal or through the office.
6. Old Business
- a. Book drop for St Mary's Clinic is in the library on the right as you walk in. You can donate children's or adult books.
7. New Business
- a. New Fundraiser for Feb 2006 (2005- 2006 year) . This will not replace any other fundraiser. This is a new targeted fundraiser that would be a social event/silent auction/wine tasting etc. The hopes are to be able to purchase something big that is needed in the school. There is an organizational/interested party meeting on Thursday, March 10 at Senor Panchos in Southbury at 7pm. The owner of Senor Panchos is hosting this event and will provide some appetizers and possibly some drink coupons. Please bring any ideas for the event, committee ideas, auctions/raffle ideas/food/ and any other ideas. Bring a friend too.
 - b. Someone asked about getting milk in the plastic containers. This request will be taken to the PTO Advisory Council.
 - c. 5th Grade Celebrations will not have singing at end of dance. There were questions of why? Mr. Zmary stated that it is a safety issue.

- d. Relay for Life event will be held at Quassy on May 13th starting at 6pm and ending May 14 at 2pm. There is a Kids Care program where kids can walk for a 2 hour period from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm on May 14. Kids set up teams and need to register (cost \$10.00 pp).
 - e. Nominations for 2005-2006 Executive Board will be conducted at the March and April meetings. Nominations are for President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Treasurer job takes approx 5 hrs per month plus the meetings.
- 8. Next PTO Meeting – March 15 9:30 am
 - 9. Adjournment – 9:00 pm