

Little Tor PTA

General Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2009

Meeting called to order @7:10pm by President, Mary Stroud.

In attendance: Executive Board & see attached membership

Agenda: See attached

Motion to approve minutes from past meeting by Amy Vallebuona, seconded by Barbara Wilen. All in favor

- **PTA Council Meeting Info**

1. Scholarship fund: rules and regulations re: scholarships was presented to the whole group. \$10, 000 in scholarships will be awarded. Vote: 16 votes approved: 0 votes denied
2. Whole group vote re: waiving \$125 late fee. Vote: 16 votes approved: 0 votes denied
3. Whole group vote re: using JP Morgan Chase Bank as carrier. Vote: 16 votes approved: 0 votes denied

- **Presidents Report-Mary Stroud**

1. PTA Council-November is Health & Wellness Month. Visit Website
2. The district is brining in a consultant to “look” over the Special Education Program
3. Special “Thank You & Kudos”, to the staff of Little Tor for helping to make Fall Fest a huge success

- **Funds-Monica Barbato**

1. Welcome Back Picnic-and Boston Market Fundraiser made a total of \$72
2. The Dog House Fundraiser made a total of \$30
3. Little Tor Vendors Night-November 24th-Chair-Caryen Toren. Over 30 vendors will be available
4. Family Portrait Nights-October 27, 28, 29th-proofs will be available on-line, order what you want, no sitting fee, affordable with different packages. Little Tor pays directly to Phil Costa, photographer, he gives back 20% to the school.
5. Book Fair-November 18th & 19th-Free Movie Night “Bolt”, for all Little Tor community

- **Community-Dee LaNave**

1. Membership –Melissa Holden-134 members/ 29 staff members

- **Programs, Robin Sokol**

1. Science in a Shoe Box: chaired by Patti Crowley
2. Cultural Arts-November 12 & 13th-Suzy Klein, author. Writers Workshop for 3rd grade classes
3. Reflections-January 6, 2010
4. PARP- chaired by Amy Vallebuona, no dates set as of yet

- **Treasurer Cathy Martini**

1. After-school activities-broke even-due to low enrollment.
2. After-school activities will re-run in January, offering more programs

- **Principal, Ms An**

1. Wellness/Health & Safety-as a school/community-we are trying to keep our children more active & healthy with activities. For example: playing more music to have students “more” more during indoor recess. Mr. Fritz is creating an exercise video for the school.
2. Tiger-Tales Press-Tiger Tales Publications. Goals to monitor/establish more standards for writing; encouraging/engaging students to write more
3. Wee Deliver-Stamp Contest. Ms. Bini is creating a Muriel around a post office, Students will have the opportunity to be more involved in the post office. Ex: downloadable stationary
4. Cultural Exchange-School Exchange-re: Ms. An’s presentation on Japan. Trying to get CNHS students involved with our students

- **Old Business**

1. Television at Recess/during School Hours-Ms. An set up guidelines for indoor recess-giving students a choice-Room 1-play *or* Room 2-Movie. Questions raised by parents re; movie ratings, no socialization. Ms. An will bring this item to her staff and re-visit it at a later date

- **New Business**

2. Beautification sold bricks to the Little Tor Community. Request of a budget increase of \$111.04 for removal of old railroad tires around oak tree in front of building & purchasing of pavers-work is to be done in the spring. Up to 3 weekends worth of work, at least 200 man hours and \$2700 of materials. Plans were drawn up about 2 years ago. Ms An, S. Botto & F. Stefinale did a walk through: throughout Little Tor re: anything that needed to be updated. Thanks to the Beautification Committee

- Whole group vote re: Budget increase. Motion: Amy Vallebuona, Seconded: Sabina DeGaetano. Vote: 16 votes approved: 0 votes denied
- New Forms for the purchase of bricks will be going out to the community in a few weeks. Bricks will be placed/put out on a first come first serve basis.

- **Open Floor**

3. A Flyer was presented to the whole group/committees re: protocol for the PTA

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Debra Orlando, Recording Secretary