

**ATTENDEES**

Sharon Ashworth, Aline Hoey, Kelly Barker, Shana Good, Scott Cinnamon, Jeannie Houts, Jenny Lanning-Rush, Veronica Decker, Katie Hammerschmidt, Dani Lotton-Barker, Suzie Micka, Cindy McCoy.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

State Assessments are over. The preliminary results are good. School board has decided to spend money and give us the OK to hire more teachers: 2,3,4th grades will have three sections for next school year. 42 attended Kindergarten round-up, numbers may change in August but for now we have numbers for two sections. 1st grade is not projected to increase next year so an additional teacher for 1st grade will not be hired.

TREASURERS REPORT (please see attachment)

Deposited \$90 for Chess club T-shirts, withdrawal of \$15 for baby sitter for PTA meetings and \$400 will be withdrawn next week to pay language club teachers. No receipts in for pancake feed. We have money allocated for Teacher appreciation week. Currently a \$50 line item for 5th grade recognition. Total cost of 5th grade field trips has not yet been submitted.

OLD BUSINESS**Family Reading Night: May 8th, 7:00-8:00**

- Kim Fletcher from the Lawrence Public Library will do a book talk and discuss the new summer reading program which should take about 35-40 minutes. The remainder of the hour will be filled with volunteers to read to children.
- Need the microphone from Ms. Orthlopes and the Custodian to set up 50 chairs in the gymnasium presentation style. We can rearrange into a reading circle if there are not enough people.
- School phone message and in the morning announcements to promote the event.
- Volunteers to read include: Joyce Bell, Jeannie Houts, Sara Taliaferro, David Decker, Scott Cinnamon, Kelly Barker, Dani Lotton-Barker. Possibility of a Spanish and Arabic readers.

World Fair

- Mr. Heath has 6 volunteers. Please contact him if interested in volunteering. He needs help with the scavenger hunt and to help with food.

Progress on Committees

There are some known needs that most probably will be filled at next years Watermelon Feed.

- Carnival (general and food) - Nancy Perkins, Sally Zogry
- Kindergarten Club
- Fifth grade recognition - (usually done by 4th grade family) Christy Kelly, Paige Comparato
- Fund raising - Linda Hoopes would like a partner
- Geography Night
- Farm to School - Linda Cottin is willing to help
- Ice Cream Social



NEW BUSINESS

Playground Equipment: \$42 was earned from the 3 spoons fund raiser. Plus we have \$350 earned from box tops. Enough to pay for soccer nets and a few other items for the playground. (see attached letter from 4th grade class) Veronica Decker confirmed the need for basketball nets and soccer goals.

- Two Basketball nets approved.
- One Soccer net. Sharon Ashworth has not been able to get in touch with Randy Masten in regards to soccer nets. Amy Howardon Schmidt says she has not yet been contacted by Randy Masten in regards to welding the additional bar on the soccer goal. Sharon will try again to get a hold of Randy.
- Kelly Barker will take the \$80 left on the debit card to Target or Walmart and purchase hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, frisbees, nerf football. Perhaps a ring toss. Suggestion: to see how much money is spent and apply it as a line item for next year.
- Quality jump ropes should be ordered through a school catalog - Mr. Cinnamon
- Mr. Cinnamon said that there are enough backup rubber balls and soccer balls that need to be brought out. He will also check with boys and girls club about any equipment that has not been returned.
- Shana Good suggested trash bins for frisbee golf. Mr. Cinnamon shared that Mr. Marshall has just started a unit on frisbee golf and the kids have different items on the play yard that they try to hit with the frisbee.
- Big items like a playhouse and Merry-go-round could be possible goals to strive for next year. And we can look toward other long term fund raising goals.
- Hippy-Hops were decided against because of possible head injury on concrete.
- Custodians can repaint hop-scotch and four square. Possibly paint a big chess board.
- Mr. Cinnamon has built into the budget some swings for the north playground and they will be installed in the fall.
- Kompan playgrounds has been contacting schools. They are matching funds/grants to increase physical fitness in schools. Information was given to Mr. Cinnamon

Citizens Legislative Group. Aline Hoey is our representative. So far it is an organization of 20 people. The hope is for each school to have a representative at the meetings. The group wants to promote funding for education. A web site has been created: www.educatelawrence.org The site includes a form where name and email address is taken and a form letter is produced that contacts the correct legislator. Updates page has a blog.

Ice Cream Social May 18th at 6:00: Suzie Micka will contact Dillons for donations. 3-4 people have signed up to volunteer. Experience shows that some may not show up. Suzie asks that if we see an opening to please come help - though she doesn't want to have a big call for volunteers because she wants people to enjoy the event.

- Dad's rock band has been discontinued because not enough practice time. Perhaps it can happen next year.
- No nuts for toppings please - please put in newsletter. (If nuts are brought perhaps a separate table should be used.)



Ice Cream Social (Cont'd)

- Shana Good suggested to make water available. Susie will bring two water coolers. PTA has cups. One missing PTA water cooler, may have been thrown away after Carnival because it was leaking. Kelly Barker motioned and it was carried to purchase two watercoolers in the \$30-\$50 range. He will purchase when he goes to buy playground equipment.

5th Grade Recognition - May 23rd

Mr. Cinnamon recommended Decorated Cookies. Boy and Girl Variety with Cordley Colors - one for each student to be given along with recognition certificate. Cookies cost \$2.50 - 44 students = \$110.00. \$50 line item is budgeted for 5th grade recognition. Mr. Cinnamon said school could cover the cost of the cookies if there was not enough money left over from the 5th grade field trip expenses that could be added to the \$50 budget. Kelly Barker motioned and it was carried to create a line item of \$125 to cover the expense of the cookies. Sharon Ashworth said she would give information to Paige Comparato. Paige is looking at getting food and drink donated.

Election of New Officers: Motion carried to elect new Slate of Officers

- Co-Presidents: Jeannie Houts, Kelly Barker
- Secretary: Sara Taliaferro
- Treasurer: Aline Hoey

Calendar and Budget for next year

Kelly Barker suggested to set a couple of dates in the summer with committee heads to discuss budget and line items. There is a surplus of money this year and he would like to spend it down a little and set some goals.

Mr. Cinnamon requests the calendar be set by June 1st so that it can be distributed in the summer. Officers will meet the evening of the 29th to finalize the calendar including Class party dates.

Mr. Cinnamon initiated class party discussion: parties to be held at the end of each trimester instead of the celebration of a holiday. Perhaps the Thurs. at the end of trimester because students are not in class on the Friday. Parties held Nov. 1st (coincide with Farm to School or Harvest instead of Halloween) Winter Party? or Feb 7th instead of Valentines. (Some members not comfortable not having a Valentine party). End of school year party? Teachers may not want one more party at the end of the year. There is a possible need to re-look at parties.

Each officer please write a blurb about themselves so that it can be put in the newsletter. Web site info will be exchanged between Sharon Ashworth and Jeannie Houts. Sara Taliaferro will contact Shana Good in regards to secretarial duties.

Carnival Budget was \$1,300 last year. This year budget \$2,000 to help cover cost of rental equipment including lights, blow-ups, generator. Sept. 28th possible Carnival date. Full moon could offer more light. Need to speed up food, offer water. Perhaps pre-pay wrist bands for food (different colored bands) or at least a different table for food purchase.