

**BOARD MINUTES-APPROVED
Maple Hills PTA
Wednesday, September 17, 2008**



Soaring to New Heights

(note: motions passed, Board decisions, and action items are in **bold**)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:44 am by President, Jennie Wildermuth. The meeting was held in the PTA portable.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- The year was off to a rough start as many last-minute changes occurred. A second grade class was added the week before school started, and a first grade class was added after the students had met their teachers. Rooms had to be relocated as well. Sarah Dudgeon and Dana Roberts are our new teachers in 1st and 2nd grades, respectively. Mrs. Beane is spending more time in their classrooms to see to a smooth transition. The ultimate emphasis is that classroom sizes are smaller, which benefits the children, the new classes have support from the peer teachers, and the curriculum is the same. We are progressing and settling in to teaching our children.
- Future plans to rearrange classes will be considered in anticipation of student population changes, in order to be prepared for last-minute class additions
- The field was graded on Monday; rock and fill are coming
- New white lines have been painted in the parking lot. A second reserved spot was created, but will likely be blacked over. A suggestion was made to draw names for a staff member's use for the month.
- Trudy Watts is coming in to work with her team today and to make arrangements for the future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Pam Stucky distributed the minutes from the June meeting and August retreat. **Motions were made and seconded to approve the June and August minutes as presented. Motions passed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Joan Friel distributed the fiscal report for year-to-date as well as a proposed final budget for approval at the General Meeting on October 2nd. We currently have \$26,629.81 in available funds, \$27,984.65 in General funds, \$1.84 in Kindergarten Playground fund, \$1,353 in Emergency Prep fun, and \$30,838.89 in a CD (including interest)

- PTA membership dues are coming in
- The Navy band sent a reimbursement for overpayment of their travel expenses
- Walk-a-thon corporate matches continue to come in
- The remaining kindergarten playground fund was used to purchase play equipment, and a motion will be put before the General meeting to write off the remaining \$1.84 in the account
- Letters were sent to teachers advising them of their enrichment allowance funds

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Jennie Wildermuth distributed Board of Director Handbooks and Confidentiality Agreements for signature
- The Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus has been delayed in changing over to a middle school to 2010 with, hopefully, no impact to the South end
- Christina Stempson needs parent volunteers for Reading Zone on M, T, and Th
- Contract notebook is needed
- Volunteers will have one more opportunity for their badge photos on 10/23. The current name board will be redone to accommodate the new badges
- Maureen Todd needs reading tutors. She also needs crossing guards during Camp Colman
- There is a new Calendar Request Form required for all PTA events
- A calendar was passed around for sign-ups to bring meals to the Watts family
- PTA and the Law classes were noted and all are encouraged to attend
- Legislative Assembly Day is October 3rd and 4th (Dawn Peschek and Jennie Wildermuth are attending)

SITE COUNCIL – no report, next meeting 9/18/08

PTSA COUNCIL

State PTSA council's theme is "Rising to the Challenge". Kimberly Montague read and reviewed their mission and goals

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

248 members are logged per the website. The fish display is growing.

- Yearbook: contract has been signed. The final student count will be given in April, and software is being installed in Dawn Peschek's home that will enable her to upload photos to the yearbook
- Parent Ed: a condensed article entitled, "Love, Limits and Latitude-Principles for Parenting" will be sent. Rebecca Carter will also coordinate with April Stevens for topics; ideas are welcomed

ONGOING PROGRAMS REPORT

All positions are chaired except for Eagle Reader

- Art Docent: Lana Matson spoke regarding bringing art back into the curriculum at Maple Hills. She noted the disparity among the district in regard to art budgets. She is soliciting buy-in from the PTA and the staff on the importance of art as a lesson plan in the classroom. Ideas include an art fair where art docents from each class would exhibit their own art. The fair would include hands-on art and may be tied in with Book Fair or Spring Dessert. Other ideas include: class docent access to our website to assist in executing their projects and an "Are you Art-iculate?" corner in the Eagle Reader room along with a section in our newsletter. **She will meet with Mrs. Beane to discuss this.**

VOLUNTEERS REPORT

Volunteers of the month are Susie Smith and Leslie Waltzer

WAYS AND MEANS REPORT

- Box Tops: collection due 10/3/08; a flyer is going out on Monday
- Popcorn sales start 9/26 and on the 2nd and 4th Fridays thereafter
- PACE will have a table at curriculum night; 30 families are enrolled so far
- Eagle Sales: more items to choose from; samples and sizing charts are available

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

- Auction: chairs are selecting a software company to assist procurement. Parent and teacher packets will be distributed next week. Meeting with Mrs. Beane today. First chair meeting on 9/25
- Website: **Leslie Waltzer will research costs to add pages/tabs to the PTA website**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Proposed Budget: PACE added (conservative estimate) and possible increase in the Art budget were discussed

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$300 to the Stacey Watts Benevolent Fund (Watts family college fund) from the Donations budget. Motion passed

A suggestion was made to tie in the Art Fair with the Book Fair (6/1-6/5)

Dawn Peschek will send home a survey soliciting topics of importance from the parents to bring to the Legislative Assembly in October.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

Pam Stucky, Secretary