



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes March 4, 2010

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:05 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 20 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from 2/4/10 meeting** – Mary Ellis made motion to approve, and seconded by Edna Martin.
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Savings and checking reviewed, \$1000 paid out to cultural program, budget reviewed and motion made to approve by Chris Karper and seconded by Nikki Jones. Teacher grants were submitted from Mrs. Mann and Ms. Newcomb – motion to approve by Michelle Scobie and seconded by Mary Vaccarino. April 1, 2010 is the deadline for submitting teacher grants. After that extra funds from this budget category will be offered to the teachers.
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):** Thanks go out to Sign committee, Community Service for work with Haiti relief project, and to Kathryn Harsha for taking over the school store. The parents of older students are moving on, so new committee chairs are needed for next year or someone to 'shadow' the committee chair next year to learn the ropes and take over the year after. Sunshine Committee needs shadow person; Miscellaneous Fundraising Committee needs Chairperson; Publicity Committee needs Chairperson; Membership Committee needs Chairperson; Spirit Committee needs a co-chair; and Business Products needs a new Chairperson. Position descriptions will be posted and you may contact current Chairperson for more info. This year brings the election of new executive board officers. Mary Ellen can do secretary for consistency of having an experienced board member on the board. President, Vice President and Treasurer will all need to be filled. Some interest has been expressed already; if you are interested please give your name to the nominating committee. The nominating committee will consist of Mary Ellis and two other members that are not currently on the board.
- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):** No report.
- **Secretary's Report (Mort Shuman):** No report – unable to attend tonight's meeting (Whitney Frey took notes).
- **Principal's/Assistant Principal's Report (Theresa Ball/Shavon Showers):** Next week is MSA testing and will start at 9:30 am. Please be sure children are here on time. The children will still have specials, and some lunch times will change. Reading MSA will be 3/9 & 3/10; Math MSA will be 3/16 & 3/17. 5th grade science MSA will be sometime in May. Copies of the school emergency plan shared. If late start on MSA days then MSA will still take place that day with times adjusted.
- **Teacher's Report (Edna Martin):** Nothing to report.

- **Committee Reports:**

Birthday Books – Going well.

Business Products - Martins ends 3/15, received \$500 from Box tops.

Connection (Newsletter) – Mary Ellen O'Neill is taking over, will have a Connection newsletter out soon.

Community Service – Thank you to Mr. Brecker for the jump rope event, money is due by 3/8 and to date approximately \$4,500 has been raised. Trying to help the fire department – put on hold due to jump rope event. The fire department is in need of donations – maybe a special raffle at the spring event. Info out soon.

Computers – Going well.

Cultural – Simple gifts music program was recently here and the program went well. The next program is Billy B for 3,4,5 grades. The 5th grade will be going to Biz Town soon.

Hospitality/Welcoming - Thank you for instructional assistants day.

Language Program – Going fine.

Math/Science - Science fair to be held 4/8, Chris and Jaime Karper are helping out with this event.

Misc Fundraiser – Surveys from teachers due back by noon on Friday for requested indoor recess items. Most requests have been for games. A message will go out to parents asking for donations of gently used games to supplement the purchases with the monies raised from Amante's nights.

Council Representative - They have had two meetings, mostly spent adopting by laws. Purpose is to hear from individual schools about problems/issues and give information out through this group. CFO of board of committee spoke at last meeting regarding money/budget – revenue decrease by 20%, need to increase community development (shopping malls, stores) to increase budget with out impact on community resources (i.e. – water, sewer, schools). We need community properties to be successful and strike a balance. We will see budget cuts and an increase in comm. Development will be faced with choices in the future as to which cuts/budgets, etc at the county level. Will need to discuss as a group/PTA how to bring issues to the board of Education through Rachel Beck.

School Sign - Info up through 3/19/10.

School Spirit – Dads and Donuts is 3/19 with 272 scheduled to attend. Moms and Muffins is 5/14 with 254 people scheduled to attend. Parking is still a concern, please park in the mall parking lot and save our school spaces for teachers and staff. Still in need of creamer, donuts and juice cups. Spirit wear will run from 3/15 – 3/29 samples will be up front, this is the last order of the year. Bingo will be 4/29 and is in need of volunteers.

School Store - Is now running on Thursdays so we don't compete with the ruler store.

Ways and Means – Kristen B and Michele G will be continuing next year.

Yearbook – Due in 10 days to the printer. The kids did an amazing job. We went digital this year. In need of parents of younger children to shadow next year to eventually take over.

New Business: 1) Verizon and Comcast email account holders are not getting the alert now messages. IT is working solving the problem but may take awhile. 2) Yankee Candle – due to winter storms we could hold and do for June delivery. Consensus was yes to continue. Money to possibly update the wooden signs, canopy, possibly split with the school – additional funds for the playground. 3) Directory – discussed and decided to send out electronically and print at home, unless a hard copy is requested, to save on time and printing costs. Look for info/email soon.

- **Door Prize: #6** – Mary Vaccarino won a Dunkin Donuts gift card.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:18 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:

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