



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes September 3, 2009

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:08 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 48 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from June 4, 2009 meeting** – James Magill made a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Cindy Steinebrunner.
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Year ends on 6/30/09, and reopens when the PTA adopts the new proposed budget. This budget was developed over the summer and was reviewed with Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Showers. Added to the budget – Rocky expenditures. Total budget is \$26,570 this year. Bottom line didn't change – just did some shifting. Unanimous approval of budget. Also mentioned AlertNow email asking for feedback on school calendar.
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):** Will need a new board next year – we are serving the second year of a 2 year term. Thanks to Deena Waskey & Nikki Jones for their help with the Boo Hoo/Yahoo Social. Close to 30 people came, and there were people lingering until 10 am. Thanks to Carolyn Case and Valerie Streissguth for their help with the lovely teacher breakfast. Thanks to Cheryl Leupen for getting the word out about Rita's Night at Meet The Teacher. Rita's Night is 9/8. Goals for this year's PTA: Fun Events for the Kids, & continue open communication. Wall Celebration is set for September 25, 2009 and invites went out to former teachers.
- **Vice President's Report (Michele Carroll):** Celebrating my 10th year at Carrolltowne!
- **Took Ice Cream Break!**
- **Secretary's Report (Mort Shuman):** Handed out draft copies of updated Carrolltowne PTA Bylaws. Bylaws approved at end of meeting by unanimous vote.
- **Principal's/Assistant Principal's Report (Theresa Ball/Shavon Showers):** Custodian Alice Richard broke her knee cap and will be out 6 months. Had surgery. Custodian Crew worked hard to get the school ready for the beginning of the year. Kindergarten specials pushed to 1 hour. Also, second and third grade lunch will be changing – AlertNow message will go out. Regarding President Obama's message to schoolchildren next week – if teachers decide to show address, note needs to go home and parents can opt out. Students are encouraged to keep lockers neat, and no tape should be used. Magnetic mirrors are ok, though. Portables – are on list to be removed. It costs \$60k to remove. For now they will be used as storage and temp use. Playground update – moved forward for next year. Mrs. Showers – discussed Math 24 Game Club, and also discussed PBIS (Handed out coupons in the cafeteria for good behavior). Tomorrow is the kickoff of the program.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Birthday Books** –The program starts week of 9/21. Every child gets a book. We have volunteers for each grade. Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursday - come into the classrooms to deliver books. Will email teachers lists of who gets books that month. Stickers placed in each book telling them it's from Birthday Books.
 - **Business Products** – Discussed Martins, Safeway (eScrip), Food Lion and Giant programs. Also mentioned that now we can sign up with Target Card. Continuing with Box Tops and Tyson's program. Kristin Bernadzikowski is looking into Capri Sun program.
 - **Community Service** – Doing Book Fair again – details are forthcoming.
 - **Computers** – Jim Magill is new chair; will provide parent volunteers to help out if teachers request help.
 - **Connection (Newsletter)** – Nick Geidel is new chair; Connection will continue to be published 4x a year.
 - **Cultural** – Hope to have all programs booked by next meeting.

Language – Three languages offered – French (10 week program), Spanish (20 week) and Chinese (20 week). Is run by Parks and Recreation. Program starts on 9/29/09.

Membership – Theme is “Get the Scoop, Join the PTA”. 259 members as of this afternoon. Membership cards will be coming home soon. With cards, you can get a 5% discount at Barnes and Noble and free shipping over \$25. Membership drive ends at end of October.

Misc Fundraiser – Rita’s Night is on 9/8/09, from 4pm to 9 pm. Proceeds will go towards purchase of playground equipment for classrooms.

PTA Council Representative – This year’s representative is Nick Geidel.

Publicity – Gets word out about Carrolltowne – looks for free publicity. If you have an event you’re planning for Carrolltowne, please send Jen Murphy as much info as possible, and include any names of people in photos (if possible). Also is recruiting assistance.

School Sign – Just changed sign – looking for help with sign!

School Spirit – School Walls Celebration – September 25 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm. Need volunteers – 300+ are expected. Food is coming from Bull Pen (Pit Beef, Turkey, Ham, etc.) Need donations for Sodas, Chips, Baked Goods, Coolers). Also getting Red Carpets!

School Store – Tuesdays – 8:30 am setup, 8:45 – 9:15 store is open, and 9:15 – 9:30 count money. Students can use PBIS Credits. \$ goes directly to school.

Volunteers – 200 have been trained so far – down from last year (also down around county). Have forms to track volunteer hours while outside of school.

Ways and Means – School Kidz – there were 3 errors total. Staples was good in getting us replacements. Our sole operating fundraiser – the Fun Run – is coming up on 10/15/09. T-Shirts – order by 9/20/09. Black shirts with Rocky on front. Participation prize this year is a fan with a Cardinal Head. Took Best Buy out of program for gift cards and added Game Stop. So now kids will choose between Toys R Us, Game Stop and Little Professor for Gift Cards based on level of participation/funds raised. Also will have competition between classes to see which classes raise most money.

Yearbook – New co-chairs this year - Cheryl Leupen and Mary Ellis.

New Business: Field Trips – asked to hold off on Fall Field Trips. Waiting to see how flue mists go. Dates may affect field trips. 2nd Grade and Kindergarten trips are on hold for now. Michele Carroll – School supplies are way too expensive. Implores teachers to streamline school lists and reduce costs.

Also, if getting a flu mist, please consult first with your child’s doctor. Both shot and mist are live vaccines, so if your child has immune problems, please check with the doctor. Very important! Also not definite we are getting H1N1 vaccine. It will be a shot, not a mist.

If not getting AlertNow emails, please contact Principal Ball.

- **Door Prize:** #10 – Julie Weller – Sykesville Tae Kwon Do Party for 8 Kids.
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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