



Carrolltowne Elementary PTA Minutes September 9, 2008

- **Meeting called to order by President Mary Ellen O'Neill at 7:07 pm.** A sign in sheet was circulated. There were 60 people in attendance.
- **Minutes from June 5, 2008 meeting were approved.**
- **Treasurer Report (Cheryl Leupen):** Handed out budget; added line item entitled "Fundraisers"; Budget was approved (Whitney Frey motioned, Chrissy Elliott seconded)
- **President's Report (Mary Ellen O'Neill):** Back to School Night was a big success; Discussed membership drive (goal is 100%), and also talked about "PTA Rocks" membership board; reminded those in attendance about eSchoolNewsletter (encouraging us to go paperless); Fun Run is coming up – theme this year is "Feeling Great in 08".
- **2007/2008 Audit Team:** Had an audit performed (Mary Ellen O'Neill, Vicky Fleming and Mort Shuman signed), all books were found to be in good standing, PTA audit report was reviewed by general PTA and one minor error was found and changed during PTA meeting (Balance on Hand date should have been 7/01/07, not 7/01/08). This change was made and Whitney Frey motioned to approve, with Michele Geidel seconding – the audit will now be filed with MDPTA.
- **Principal's Report (Terry Ball):** Welcomed parents to meeting; mentioned website is currently being updated by Suelyn Rivera (more streamlined with other schools)
- **Teacher's Representative Report (Edna Martin):** Need "Dead" tennis balls – helps prevent scratched up floors and are quieter; send in to 4th Grade or office.
- **Welcome to Shavon Showers, new Assistant Principal at Carrolltowne.**
- **Presentation by Megan Napor, Sharon Allia and Stacey Tombs on new "RULE" program.** Various questions/comments were made, including:

Idea to have classrooms compete for prizes; recycle the paper rulers or come up with another option besides paper that isn't so wasteful; put the study that was done on the program on eSchoolNewsletter; don't focus on the "W" so much; it is a work in progress; no more taking away recess (whole class) – they need that 20 minutes of play time; parents like tangible items such as paper to see how child is doing; happy there are no more gifts/trinkets for rewards for doing things they should be doing; another prize could be an extra chance/turn at Show and Tell; the Magnitude of the "W" – look for patterns; "W" is a point of conversation – discuss what happened and keeps parents in the loop; if child gets 3 W's in 1 day, they go to the support room and a sheet goes home for the parent to sign; after 2 referrals, parent is asked to come in for a conference; the new matrix – is this too big? Huge contract? Is this too much for Kindergarten? (response is that Carrolltowne has always had a Matrix); W vs. Strike – which is better?; parents should be teaching how to act in school; doesn't this take away from time for teacher to teach?; learning the program as they go – it's new and can be adjusted; Bus Drivers can't be required to participate in program; parent of student who never gets "W" – their child may not get picked for reward; Extrinsic vs. Intrinsic.

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- **Committee Reports:**

Ways and Means (Michele Geidel) – Fun Run is October 7, with October 10 at rain date; last year we raised \$20k; \$30 gets child a t-shirt – all who participate get something; money is due on the day of the Fun Run; being co-chaired by Kim Woodward; please don't go door to door – mail a letter to family; envelopes will go out in next few weeks; adults can order shirts

School Spirit (Jenn Harrison) – Thursday, October 16 is Family Game Night, and November 7 is Bingo Night (need volunteers and kid gift donations); discussed Spirit Days (calendar handed out) and Spirit Wear (order forms will be available after Fun Run); please get orders in on time!

Birthday Books (Julie Weller) – Volunteers needed once a month between 8:45 am and 9:15 am – cart goes into room and everyone gets a book on their birthday.

Membership (Mary Ellen O'Neill) – Doing very well so far; 3rd Grade Team is at 100%

- **New Business:** None to report.
- **Door Prize:** Picked by Mrs. Ball - #37 – Shai Berman (won a gift certificate to Sykesville Tae Kwon Do)
- **Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm**

Respectfully submitted by:



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