

## **Davis Hill Elementary PTA**

### **Meeting Minutes**

October 19, 2009

Davis Hill School

#### **I. Meeting came to order at 7:03 pm.**

#### **II. Fall Fundraiser** – All fundraiser orders are in.

#### **III. Budget**

- a. Memberships are in and the Script Fundraiser/Gift Cards sale did well. The profit should be around \$350.00. We plan to do another Gift Card fundraiser in November.
- b. A motion was made by Kathy Dixon to accept the budget. Michelle Porter made a second motion. The budget was approved.

#### **IV. Volunteers**

- a. A request was made for volunteers to make baked items for the Fall Festival.
- b. All volunteers have been assigned for October. Now working on November.

#### **V. Enrichment**

- a. Wing Masters will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade will have a visit from Animal Habitat
- c. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade conflict with Ben Franklin visit. Suggestion to have Paul Revere.
- d. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade conflict – plant mobile is no more. Plans to have Kevin Lemanowicz from Fox Weather. This must be booked later in the year. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers have been asked to develop new ideas for Enrichment programs for that grade.
- e. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Guy Morin can not visit until March. We need more ideas for this grade also.

#### **VI. Food Pantry**

- a. Kim McCarthy spoke to meeting attendees. She thanked them and the school community for their support of the food drives. The food pantry feeds 4200 Wachusett area residents a year. 1300 of them are children. 1400 of the 4200 are from Holden.
- b. Last month 4500 lbs of food was donated to the pantry.
- c. She is looking for people to volunteer to bring the food from Davis Hill to the Food Pantry.

#### **VII. Fall Festival Update**

- a. Kitchen help is needed.
- b. Need additional 2 to 3 volunteers for games and cake walk for each shift.

#### **VIII. Veteran's Day Update**

- a. There are three events planned for Veteran's Day.
  - i. Collect items for Holden Soldier and his unit. Care packages will be mailed to unit.
  - ii. Flag ceremony. Eighty three flags will be placed around flag pole in front of school.
  - iii. On 11/5 there will be a school assembly. Veterans will speak to the children and the children will sing.

#### **IX. Pie Fundraiser**

- a. Wilson Farm Pies can be ordered. They will arrive the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

**X. Holiday Fair**

- a. The Holiday Fair will be held on a Thursday with a snow day of Friday.
- b. Two craft workshops will be held – the first on 11/6 and the second on 11/20. Bring your own glue gun and scissors!

**XI. Math Olympians**

- a. A volunteer has been found. More news to come.

**XII. DI**

- a. Meeting attendees were given a brief description of this program.
- b. Mr. Vincent will lead the group.
- c. The first informational session will be held on 10/22/09.

**XIII. Book Fair**

- a. Volunteers can contact school librarian.

**XIV. Mr. Aucoin**

- a. Mr. Aucoin spoke to the meeting attendees. He discussed after school programs and the need for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping with these programs – please contact him directly.
- b. Gifted and Talented Program
  - i. Assess needs in district
  - ii. Review what other towns in the district are doing
  - iii. Identify things we can do
- c. Connect Ed – Mark is looking at expanding this to communicate upcoming school and district events.
- d. Mr. Norton is coordinating the upkeep of the Davis Hill Website. The hope is to reduce the use of paper by posting events and communications on the site. Attendees were given a walk-through of the DOE website looking at MCAS scores.
- e. Dr. Pandiscio spoke to group.
  - i. He reviewed MCAS scores. He believes we will see a growth percentile on MCAS.
  - ii. He reviewed last year's budget. There was a two million dollar decrease from January's numbers to April's numbers. He believes we will see a similar decrease this year. Signs are pointing to a difficult budget year this coming year.
  - iii. He reviewed our grouping with other schools. He highlighted how all of our peers spend more money per student. However, we continue to outperform many of our peers.
  - iv. There are plans to offer the H1N1 vaccine at the three elementary schools.

**XV. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.** Motion by Kathy Dixon, seconded by Michelle Porter.