

AEPTO GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2008

Called to order at 9:15 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Cheryl Wimer	Beth Waldron	Julie Balthaser
Nadine Ross	Lori Johnson	Molly Cappone
Diane Wysong	Wade Barnes	Pam Bridges
Dawn Wagner	Chris Kron	Jeanine Russell

GEN MEETING REPORT: Chris Kron called the meeting to order. She gave the floor to Mrs. Ross, who introduced four students from Mrs. VanSchaik's fourth grade class.

STUDENT PRESENTATION: Fourth graders, Alex, Madelyn, Lexie and Jeremy, gave a presentation about their 'No Penalty Journals' they use in class. They discussed different types of genres in literature, and each child stated his/her favorite and gave examples. This type of journal helps the students make a self-connection with the literature they are reading in class.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Molly Cappone distributed copies of the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeanine Russell handed out the treasurer's report for review. The balance indicated our balance for September only because there is a glitch with Quickbooks. Jeanine is working to resolve the problem. She is working on a detailed finance report for the year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Bridges were both present. Mrs. Ross discussed the presentation that was made by the fourth graders. This type of presentation will be included at our meetings. This year the children are working on understanding what they are learning. Mrs. Ross also thanked everyone for the Walk-a-Thon experience. She had a great time being a 'pirate'.

PLANNING & COORDINATION (30-60-90-DAY) led by Wade Barnes

EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING

Picture Day: Chris Kron said this event went fine.

WALK-A-THON: Lori Johnson reported that we earned \$13,600--\$1,600 over our goal. Prizes were awarded to students. The bulletin board in the commons will have pictures of the prizewinners. Each child who collected \$50 or more will get a free poster of their choice from the book fair. The class that collected the most money will get a pizza party. Beth Waldron a change for next year--we should consider starting to get businesses to sponsor the Walk-a-Thon in May, rather than waiting until August. Lori also said that she has leftover freeze pops (150) and pirate hats (500) if any teachers are interested in using them.

VIP TRAINING: Pam Bridges said this went well. PTO should keep track of volunteer opportunities so that a list can be handed-out at VIP training.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Lori Johnson reported that the secretaries are judging the cover art and the directory should be at the printer early next week. It will be ready in approximately 2 weeks for distribution. PTO will make a profit on the directory.

GARAGE SALE: Wade Barnes and Beth Waldron held a garage sale to clean out the shed of much of the surplus craft supplies and planters. The craft items (picture frames, pillow kits and ornaments) made \$43. The planters that were sold made \$28 for PTO. Mrs. Ross suggested giving the leftover items to the teacher for kids to make. Mrs. Ross will inform the teachers that these things are available to any teacher who is interested.

30 DAYS

BOOK FAIR: Peggy Lehman said that everything is going very well. The set-up will occur today. She and Jodi will meet with Jeanine about the money. Teachers will get a \$25 gift certificate.

AUTHOR VISIT: Mrs. Ross said there is a committee of teachers working on this. The date is set for October 27th. The teachers are introducing the author and her books in their classrooms.

PICTURE RETAKES: Chris Kron said retakes will be October 31st before the fall parties.

FALL PARTIES: SCRIP and the logowear catalog will be available prior to parties. Order forms for logowear should be on the ledge outside the office. Mrs. Ross will ask Dru to make sure these forms are there. There has been much interest in the logowear on display in the front case.

30-60 DAYS

CONFERENCES: Dates are November 20th & 24th

BOWLING PARTY: Chris Kron said the last bowling party was canceled due to the power outages. The next party is gymnastics on October 24th. The next family bowling party is November 26th.

60-90 DAYS

HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP: The holiday gift shop will take place December 15-18. Kids will come during the school day to preview the items. There will be a family night, just like the book fair, on the 18th from 5-7:30. We are using a new company called 'Kids Go Shopping.'

CLASS PARTIES: December 19th

BOWLING PARTY: December 29th

120+ DAYS

Mrs. Bridges asked that anyone who has an event taking place 120+ days from now please turn in a facility use form to her as soon as possible. Please submit these forms as soon as the date for your event is scheduled.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

SCRIP: Jeanine is still working the report for this. We earned \$264 from people reloading their Kroger cards.

DRUMBEAT: Please turn in anything you'd like to have included in the Drumbeat to Chris Kron by 5P.M. on Wednesday, October 8th.

PRODUCT REWARDS: The current Box Top challenge is going well. We already have 548 sheets turned in, and our goal is 575. Each sheet is worth \$1 for Arrowhead. Oakland Nurseries in Delaware donated the Lil' Kinz prizes that are to be raffled off on Monday October 13th. The last day to turn in completed sheets is October 10th. Our next check from Box Tops will arrive in December for all Box Tops turned in from March-October. We ended the last school year with 1,875 Nestle Water Go Play Points. We ordered 3 soccer balls for the playground with these. We will do a challenge later this year for the Nestle points. There will be a challenge for Campbell's points in November, probably similar to the current Box Tops challenge. The Tyson points are worth the most—24-cents EACH! They will be included in a challenge later in the year. Also, don't forget about the Polaris Fashion Place 'Earning for Learning'. The deadline is October 18th. Purchases made on Mondays and Tuesdays are worth double points.

WEBMASTER: Please send anything you want to have included on the website to Robert Lehman.

OLD BUSINESS

QUICKBOOKS SOFTWARE: Jeanine and Heather are still working on this. Conversion is going well and they're up-to-date.

SUPER GAMES UPDATE: Julie Balthaser has met with Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Bridges. They chose May 8th for the date, with a rain date of May 11th. The deposit is due November 10th. The PTO by-laws state that anything over \$1000 must be approved during a general meeting. Parents will be notified that we are voting to make a change to the budget at the November 3rd meeting.

EVENING MEETINGS: There are four future meetings that will take place at 7 P.M. Those meetings include November, January, February and May. Jennifer Hooie, the interim superintendent, will attend the January 12th meeting. Next year we will plan a similar mixture of morning and evening meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

CARNIVAL GAMES RENTAL FEE: Jeanine Russell suggested charging a rental fee for people/organization who borrow our games. We have 18 games, and many of them are in need of repair. Last year was our first year to loan the games out—and this is causing even more wear and tear on them. Should we decide to charge a fee for rental, we will need a fee schedule and rental agreement. Chris Kron said she would work on this and we will discuss it further at the next meeting.

PTO HISTORIAN: Chris Kron introduced the idea of creating this new position on the PTO roster. This person would take pictures at all events and put together a scrapbook each year. Mrs. Ross said she has been taking pictures and thought she would put them on CDs. She would like to be able to give them to someone who could not only make a scrapbook from the pictures, but also put together an end-of-year slide show with music for the children to watch. This would not be available for purchase—it would just be for fun. If this position were added to the PTO roster, it

would also be another item to include in the budget. Chris will discuss this with someone at Indian Springs to get an idea of the cost.

COMMITTEE MEMBER BINDERS: Wade Barnes reminded any past committee chairpersons to schedule meetings with the current chairperson to turn over their binders. Be sure to share as much information as you can with the new chairperson.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT: Cheryl Wimer introduced an idea given to her by Connie Collins. This would be another fundraiser for PTO. The idea is for parents to pay \$10-15 for an evening out while leaving their children at school with teachers. The teachers would get paid for this. Ms. Collins is investigating interest among teachers. We need a volunteer who would be interested in developing a plan for this. Those in attendance positively received the idea. Items to be decided: an age-range we would accept, cost, rate for teachers, theme, etc. We will discuss this again at the November meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.