

# AEPTO GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## JANUARY 12, 2009

Called to order at 7:00 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE:

Molly Cappone	Beth Waldron	Cheryl Wimer
Lori Johnson	Wade Barnes	Chris Kron
Nadine Ross	Pam Bridges	Chanda Henwood
Melissa Shockcor	Jeanine Russell	Lisa Goodman
JoAnne Lane	Barb Wenzel	

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mrs. Ross said the teachers are using the DRA II kits we purchased. They are also happy to have the science kits for their classrooms. We will get more information about the use of these kits after the January 29<sup>th</sup> teacher meeting.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the 12/5/08 meeting were distributed and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jeanine Russell passed her report around. The actual numbers for the directory and holiday gift shop will be changing. The Mad Cap Productions assembly has been canceled for this year.

### EVENTS SINCE LAST MEETING:

**FAMILY PORTRAITS:** This fundraiser brought in \$424.21 for the school. The photography company is extending the dates offer if more families are interested. Also, another photography company participated when an Arrowhead family mentioned the portrait fundraiser.

**HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP:** Event went fine, although it was disappointing to have to cancel the planned family night. We made \$264. Chris Kron recommended using the same company next year.

**FAMILY BOWLING PARTY:** This was held 12/29 and we made \$29.

### 30 DAYS

**FAMILY SKATING PARTY:** This will take place at The Chiller on 1/20, from 9:30 A.M. until 11:30 A.M.

**COSI ON WHEELS:** Date for event is 1/27. Planning is going well, but Kristy Terry is still in need of volunteers. Please email her at [kterry@insight.rr.com](mailto:kterry@insight.rr.com) if you are able to help.

### 30-60 DAYS

**ALL-STAR REVIEW:** Still planning; going well.

**CLASS PARTIES:** 2/13/09 from 2:45-3:15. SCRIP and Logo sales available before parties.

**CONFERENCES:** 2/26/09

**FAMILY PARTY:** This will be at Ohio Gymnastics from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. on 2/27/09

### 60-90 DAYS

**CONFERENCES:** 3/1/09

**CARNIVAL:** Information packets regarding the will go home with students on 2/4.

**FAMILY PARTY:** Bowling party 3/27/09 from 11 A.M. – 4 P.M.

## **120 DAYS**

**PASTA DINNER/ART SHOW:** 4/30

**ENRICHMENT:** 5/15

**KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT & BEAUTIFICATION:** TBD

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOWER CONTEST:** Arrowhead collected about 275 feet of paper for the recycling contest. The dumpster was emptied 3 times! We do not have the monetary amount earned from this event yet. Jeanine said we also have a paper recycling bin at Batteries Plus.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**TECHNOLOGY:** Lisa Goodman and Chanda Henwood distributed a report they created to describe their findings about ways we can upgrade the technology in the classrooms. [To view this document, please go to the AEPTO website.]

**SMART BOARDS:** The technology committee, aided by Mrs. Lane, feels that Smart Boards are most appropriate for grades K-2 due to their kinesthetic nature. Arrowhead currently owns 5 Smart Boards. The technology committee recommended that we purchase one Smart Board this year, and a total of 11 Smart Boards over the next 4 school years. For additional information: <http://www2.smarttech.com/st/en-US/Products/SMART+Boards/>

**CPS:** Mrs. Lane explained the difference between a CPS (Classroom Performance System) and the Smart Board. CPS units are best for grades 3-5. They allow for better individualized instruction, and provide immediate feedback to teachers and students. Arrowhead currently owns 1 CPS, which was won over the summer at a conference. The technology committee recommended that we purchase 5 CPS units this year, and a total of 9 over the next 4 school years. For additional information: <http://www.einstruction.com/WhatisCPS/index.cfm>

### **Discussion:**

- These units eliminate the need for overhead projectors
- Allow for downloading United Streaming and online lessons
- Software, once purchased, can be put on the building server and used throughout the building
- Can use existing computers
- Kids are engaged during learning with use of this technology
- Allows teachers to receive and offer immediate feedback

### **To Do:**

- Figure out how to fund the 4-year technology plan
- Additional fundraisers? Market SCRIP sales differently to parents, saying the profits go directly to the technology fund?
- Look over PTO's financial responsibilities and make changes? Most schools' PTO accounts do not fund all the events that we do here at Arrowhead

**MOTION:** AEPTO will adopt the 4-year technology plan and agrees to purchase the items listed under the 2008-2009 school year.

The motion was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M. **NEXT MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> at 7:00 P.M.**