

# Central PTO

September 17, 2007

Minutes

**Present:** Jen Faulkner, Lori Rice, Jennifer Rogers, Bobbi Eveland, Erin Steele, Joan Meyer, Jenni Ebert, Sue Anderson, Nancy Wagner, Carrie Force, Scott Chainey, Kim Newell, Kara Holle, Jessica Kueker, Amy Sramek, Jill Hupe, Abbey Nutsch, Myra Wilson, Tami Shults, Laura Fails, Stacy Wolf, Jantzie Bluthardt, Amy Schwein, Katie Fritz, Amy Donahue, plus several Site Council members who arrived for meeting

## Old Business:

**School Supply Kits** – these went over really well with parents and teachers. West parents & teachers indicated that it was something they'd like to do as well. Lori Rice asked about whether it would be an option in the spring for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders as they head off to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Amy said that there was a referral program and that we would definitely be talking with West about adding this program there.

**Thank You Coupons** – Amy handed out coupons for reduced subscription rates for Family Fun. These coupons are available for PTO members/participants as a thank you.

## New Business:

**School Supply Kits** – the contract for this year needs to be signed. Laura Fails made the motion to re-commit to this program and Kara Holle seconded. After some discussion it was decided to add \$5 to the cost of each school supply kit as a fundraising tool. Most schools who utilize this program do this. Kim Newel made the motion and Katie Fritz seconded. The motion passed.

**Listening Lab** – Mrs. Meyer presented a proposal about Listening Lab Materials needed for the whole school (PK-2 and the Resource Rooms). The funding being requested from PTO would purchase jack boxes and headphones for all the classes. These would be used in conjunction with the Reading program as well as for many other classroom activities. The estimated cost is \$836. Amy Sramek moved to purchase these supplies and Jen Faulkner seconded. After passing, it was unanimously agreed to pay for the supplies even if the total ended up being more than the estimate.

**Facilities Committee** – Katie Fritz spoke on behalf of the Facilities Committee. They have been meeting weekly/every other week since February and took their proposal to the Board last week. Their recommendation, after much research, discussion and debate, is to renovate the current building. This was the least expensive option and will solve all of the inside facilities issues. What will remain are the parking, playground and traffic issues. PTO and Site Council members will all be asked to help promote this idea to the community should the Board decide to make it a bond issue.

The newly revised **Room Parent Handbook** was displayed. The handbooks have been completely updated and several new binders were purchased to replace ones that didn't look very nice any more. The total spent on this project was \$47.01.

**Meeting Time** – discussion was held about the fact that thirty minutes is not enough time to cover all of the PTO business. Because Site Council members were present, several ideas were discussed. The recommendation was for Site Council to meet from 6:00-6:30 and PTO would meet from 6:30-7:30. No changes were made at this time.

**2007-2008 Board** – after discussion and passing around a sign up/nominating sheet Lori Rice made a motion to accept the Board as follows. It was seconded and approved.

President:	Amy Schwein
Secretary:	Laura Fails
Treasurer:	Tami Shultz
Taco Dinner Chair:	Jennifer Faulkner & Erin Steele
Teacher Appreciation Chair:	Kim Newell
Family Fun Night Chair:	Lori Rice
Christmas Chair:	Jen Faulkner & Jenni Ebert
P/T Conference Meals Chair:	Jill Hupe
Lunchroom Chair:	Jenni Ebert

**Dyers Receipts** – we will try to flatten and sort these during our meeting time. Many parents volunteered to help with these as needed.

**Refreshments** – a sign up sheet was circulated for those wishing to help provide refreshments at meetings.

**Lunch Room** – In Mrs. Stroh's absence, Amy reported on what the school was currently working on regarding this issue. Mrs. Stroh said that she had spoken to the aides, that they wanted to work toward positive change and that a parent survey would soon be available. Several parents had comments about the current situation and how it needed to be improved immediately. Recognizing that a new facility with a separate lunchroom & gym will solve the time crunch issue, the problem of how the children are addressed and treated in the lunchroom is still at issue. Parents were encouraged to fill out the surveys. A sub-committee will be formed to discuss positive solutions and alternatives to current practices. Jenni Ebert agreed to co-chair this committee.

**Family Fun Night** – This event is to be held on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> in the gym. We have a kit with all the games & and what's involved. Lori Bailey is the Chair of this event. The idea of having Simply Fun in to have one or more games that would also be available for sale was discussed. In an effort to keep this event promoted as a free, fun night for families, Kara Holle made a motion to have Simply Fun operate only one station. Kim Newel seconded. It passed. 20% of all sales that night will go to PTO. It was also suggested that we have some handouts with game ideas and websites for more info for parents to take home.