

Wilson Home & School Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2009

Members Present:

Tom Meagher	Laura Goodale	Julie Rider
Julie Zollinger, President	Cherise Nystrom	Amy Wasinger
Mandy Ricke, Treasurer	Lori Morgan	Shelly Moeckel
Kerry Schuckman, Secretary	Jackie Lang	Dawn Albers
Charla Heaton	Patty Weber	
Taryn Leiker	Steph Niernberger	

Introduction of Members and Guests – Julie Zollinger had everyone present introduce themselves.

Kerry Schuckman moved to approve the agenda as written. Mandy Ricke seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Jackie Lang moved to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2009 meeting. Taryn Leiker seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Mandy Ricke, Treasurer, reported we have \$50,194.63 in our checking account and savings accounts combined after the fall fundraiser. We receive 40% of the sales so that is around \$20,756 in profit. Steph Niernberger said that our sales were broken down as \$33,260 from cookie sales, \$10,592 magazine sales, \$7,663 online sales and around \$300 in donations. Mandy said we have around \$2,435 in expenses that we've already promised.

Communications- Two thank you cards from teachers were distributed for everyone to read.

Parliamentary procedure for meetings – Mr. Meagher served as parliamentarian for the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality- The next event this group will be hosting is the Parent Teacher Conference meals for teachers on October 22 and 26.

Fundraising- Steph said the cookie dough is scheduled to be delivered next Thursday, October 15 at 12:30. Volunteers are needed to help unpack it and organize the boxes. Pick up time is 2:30-6:00pm. She said there likely won't be much extra cookie dough, but if there is, it will be sold for \$10/box the following week. Extras will be donated to the custodians. Those students selling 30 items or more will be treated to the movie, Where The Wild Things Are, at the theatre. Lincoln and Wilson Elementary Schools will be going together to see the movie.

Fun Night- Mandy Ricke reported there is a Fun Night Committee meeting Sunday night. The committee is considering changing the time of the Fun Night to 4-7pm and changing the raffle. They want the night to not focus so much on fundraising. They will have pizza by the slice available for purchase.

Special Events- Jackie Lang said they will start making plans for the Sweet Shop December 15. The VFW has donated gloves and boxes to us for the Sweet Shop.

Boxtops for Education Contest – Laura Goodale explained because of the deadline for turning in boxtops to the company, the contest is already underway. Kerry moved to have Home and School support the contest. Jackie Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Laura moved to focus the funds received from this contest on purchasing additional water fountains to go with the ones purchased last year from this contest. Steph seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Laura moved to budget \$150 for a pizza party to the winning class and supplies for the contest. Kerry seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Julie Zollinger shared a boxtops savings envelope that Holy Family School uses and suggested we do something similar. Taryn Leiker volunteered to create the envelopes for distribution to all students and to have available at enrollment. Mandy will to see if Mia Knoll, school secretary, can purchases the envelopes for less cost and Taryn will check on printer toner costs. Mandy moved to approve this project. Cherise seconded it. Mandy withdrew her motion so that this item can be table until additional cost estimates are obtained.

Budget – Julie Zollinger said the focus of the Budget Committee this year is on safety and classroom equipment such as push-button doorknobs for classrooms, chalkboards and whiteboards, projector screens and a storage shed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wilson t-shirts and sweatshirts – Mandy said the shirts should be ready next week.

Felten risers – Mr. Meagher looked at the new Felten risers and didn't feel like Wilson would make much use out of them. Jackie moved to not provide funds toward the cost of the risers. Taryn seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Meagher will contact the principal at Felten to let him know.

NEW BUSINESS

McDonald's Neighbors Program – It was discussed whether we want to participate in this program again which involves collecting McDonald's receipts from customers on a certain night in order to earn triple points for the school. Some of the parents and teachers that had helped with it last time, didn't have a good experience; others enjoyed it. It was decided to see what the volunteer interest is and if we get enough people willing to help, we will go ahead with it. If anyone is interested in helping, they should contact Laura Goodale or Julie Zollinger.

Suggestions from Parents – Laura relayed a suggestion from a parent about purchasing air purifiers for the classrooms and touchless hand sanitizers. Mr. Meagher said that he would have to check the fire code for the hand sanitizers since they contain alcohol. A subcommittee consisting of Laura Goodale, Taryn Leiker and Jackie Lang, Pure Air Subcommittee, was formed to look into options for different types and prices.

Increase contributions to staff – Julie Zollinger said a teacher had requested additional funds be allocated to the teacher accounts beyond the \$100 now given. It was decided to forward that to the Budget Committee for consideration. This committee will also look at the option of funding classroom field trips since many of those have been cut due to lack of funding. Several people had suggested that the walls in the school hallways be painted now that we have new carpet. That will go under advisement as well.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM STAFF

Scanner and copier - A scanner to create PDFs to email to staff to reduce copying costs was discussed. Amy Wasinger brought in a scanner and donated it to the school. Mr. Meagher said an additional copy machine is needed as the number of copies allocated for the current machine is exceeded and that gets costly. He proposed the possibility of Home and School purchasing a lease on one. It costs approximately \$2,500 a year. Mr. Meagher will get cost options for us. Steph asked if lunch money notices could be sent via email to cut down on paper costs. Cherise said at her former school, kids would get a stamp on their hand indicating their lunch funds were low. She also suggested that documents could be scanned and emailed to the Copy Center rather than copies printed for that purpose.

Easels– Julie Z showed two large easels that had been donated to Home and School.

TEACHER'S REPORT

Patty Weber brought in the ball cart that came with the Peaceful Playgrounds package and said that it has rough edges and isn't very user friendly. She donated it to Home and School for their use. She also mentioned that the Nestle water bottle label promotion is discontinued this year. However, she is still saving labels in the hopes that the company will re-enact it in the future. The Sunny D labels promotion is underway and labels should be sent to Jackie's attention. Kerry volunteered to put together a "labels savings" page for distribution to all that will summarize all of the types of labels we should be saving.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Meagher said he is looking into getting a display case for the front entryway to put the Standard of Excellence plaques in so they are secure.

Amy moved to adjourn the meeting; Kerry seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next meeting: November 12th – 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Kerry Schuckman
Home & School Secretary