

Minutes for Sep 8th, 2009
Meeting of the Pompo/Center Support Group (PCSG)
of the Stow Parent Teacher Organization
PTO website: www.stowpto.org

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order 7:21pm —Leslie Bell**
 - 1st meeting introductions and role overview
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the June 9th, 2009 Meeting** (approved with corrections)
- 3. Fundraising report –Kelly Buttiglieri**
 - Fall Fundraising – Green Benefits (in place of wrapping paper and related products)
 - 2 different products personalized w/school labels: stainless steel water bottle (\$14) or green grocery bags (\$8)
 - Decision not to purchase chocolate product
 - Kelly soliciting for help on product sorting once product delivered
 - Notes-From-Home
 - Pre-printed formatted standard notes (George Jones designed layout – thanks Georgia!)
 - Order placed (300, 50 sheets/pad); expected ready any day
 - Suggestion to put format on the website to advertise
 - Looking for co-chair
- 4. Services Committee — Kathleen Ruslias/Kristen Straub**
 - Kindergarten Orientation Update went well – thanks to Maryann Talpey!
 - Directory Update – Go Green theme
 - collecting forms by 9/11
 - Extending advertising deadline past 9/11 (directory is self-funded and costs ~ \$2700 to print)
 - Soliciting for help on proof-reading the directory
 - Soliciting to students for directory design contest (several entries are placed in the directory, and all are placed on the school bulletin boards)
 - Looking into re-cycle paper, although costly. Will have a Green cover! Suggestion to ask recipients to recycle the previous year(s) directory.
 - ProjectPrep Start-up (service for teachers, helping with variety of tasks): Maureen Trufino is Pompo coordinator; Kathy is Center coordinator; looking for additional volunteers)
 - School Picture Day – 10/8, Faith Piotte coordinator – volunteers needed (Cory form required)
 - Hearing and vision screening at Pompo 9/11
 - SPTO volunteer Sign-up Form – sent Friday 9/4
 - New Co-chair needed next year (Kathleen stepping down after this year)
- 5. Arts Buffet Festival – Stacy Almy/Gretchen Hunter**
 - Date decision: 3/27 (11am-2pm); considering selling food (e.g., Pizza)
 - 16 or so different art media tables; \$5 fee (usually ~break even)
 - Stacy is also pursuing federal grant and Stow Cultural Council funding; suggestion to also check Target grants. They will also enable a free ticker that can be placed on website.
- 6. Arts and Cultural Programming Update--- Maureen Hogan**
 - Looking for Kindergarten and 5th grade rep
 - 4th Grade: American Journey on January 22nd 2010
 - Will be sending beginning of the year info out soon
 - Looking into someone to take over the chair role next year
- 7. Website- Tracy White Wendland**
 - Update requirements
 - Database link from directory to PTO website? (Wendy to explore this)
 - Spirit Wear on-line including an order form (work in-progress)
 - On-line form for Center road sign (School and/or Community based, where Pompo and Center take precedence). Myie will develop parameters and work with Lynn and Tracy on details.
- 8. Old Business**
 - Box top Coordinator – Kathy O’Keefe/Krista Bracci
 - Recently submitted \$277.50!
 - Proposal to track box tops by class and post results periodically

- Sending an information flyer home with students to communicate it further
- Labels for education (e.g., Campbell's) – earn points to buy school items; Linn noted this was done previously – issues to be wary of include length of time to accumulate points as well as quality of some of the products.
- New Lip Sync Coordinator – Linda Harmon, looking for co-coordinator; date tbd

9. New Business

- Elementary School Building Committee Update – Lisa D'Alessio
 - Coming in to the home stretch!
 - Significant work with the state over the last 2 years.
 - State board meeting end of September (expect stamp of approval). After that, there will be a special town meeting on October 19th – it MUST pass at this town meeting relative to securing the state funds put aside for this. This would enable ground breaking next summer with 2 school year (phased in) for final construction.
 - Expect state to pay ~50% (total tbd – will be known at town meeting); less than what thought at last meeting
 - Request to help spread the word! Presentation also on the local channel 9 and town website
 - Please share any questions/issues prior to town meeting.
 - ESBC public hearing on Monday 10/5, likely at Hale (will set up others as well)
- Staffing Need Summary:

Current Needs:

 - Co-chair for Fundraising
 - Co-Treasurer
 - Arts and Cultural Assistant (shadow for this year to take over next year)
 - Co-coordinator for Lip Sync
 - Co-chairs for Picnic
 - Spirit Committee (interest from new Kindergarten parents)

Needs for Next Year:

 - 1 Co-chair for Services
 - Arts and Cultural Chair
 - Secretary

10. Treasurer's Update - Debi Estey

- 8-31-09 Treasurer's Report submitted.
- More allocations need to come through (10/1 deadline given to teachers).

11. Meeting Schedule – generally keep to 2nd Tuesday of month.

October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 11

12. Adjourn 9:08pm.

SPTO Meeting Attendee list 9-8-09

Stacey Almy
Karen Ashworth
Leslie Bell
Krista Bracci
Kelly Buttiglieri
Amy-Jo Conant
Lisa D'Alessio
Debi Esty
Maureen Hogan
Angie Hornsten
Gretchen Hunter
Youm Kim
Kathy O'Keefe
Ellen Piccioli
Kathleen Rusilas
Colinda Samarjian
Kristen Straub
Melissa Whalen
Tracy White Wendland
Lin Winin
Myie Yvanovich