

**Minutes for Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**  
**Meeting of the Pompo/Center Support Group (PCSG)**  
**of the Stow Parent Teacher Organization**  
PTO website: [www.stowpto.org](http://www.stowpto.org)

1. **Welcome and Call to Order 7:21pm —Leslie Bell**
2. **Approval of Minutes from the Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 Meeting** (approved with corrections)
3. **Fundraising report –Kelly Buttiglieri/Dina DeMayo**
  - Green Benefits – delay on order delivery. As noted last mtg, disappointed with this company.
  - Thanksgiving Pie Benefit – huge success and yummy pies! (Sold 256 pies). Will also consider other vendors for next year as comparison – very happy w/the Pie Guy.
  - Spring Fundraiser – Rhythm Kids
    - Cost: \$1000 for performance and interactive session - appropriate ticket pricing tbd.
    - Venue would be Hale School Gym, Suggested date is Saturday 3/20
    - Kelly and Dina will go see them as well, and send website link; potentially check references
  - Suggestion for a Pompo and a Center Dance – requires logistical effort (nurse present, capacity limits, chaperones, etc.)
  - Suggestion for Golf Tournament at Wedgewood – time consuming, but can raise significant funds.
  - Square-one Art suggestion/info shared with Kelly and Dina
  - Letters to Parents – hold off on this until Spring Fund Raiser settled
4. **Services Committee — Kathleen Ruslias/Kristen Straub**
  - Wishing Snowflakes are up! – Notice going out to Kindergarten parents as well as bulletin.
  - Teacher conferences coming up – food etc, organized and ready to go.
  - School Pictures – Coffee Pond asking if we want to re-book (will likely proceed after checking competition).
  - 1<sup>st</sup> grade literacy night on 1/12/10 – will be looking for volunteers
5. **Arts Buffet Festival – Stacey Almy/Gretchen Hunter**
  - Reminder that date is 3/27 (11am-2pm). Meeting on 11/8 for creative ideas for the buffet.
  - Grant meeting soon. Won't hear back until ~end of January
6. **Arts and Cultural Programming Update--- Maureen Hogan**
  - Every grade has 2 programs booked at this point, with requests for more. Maureen moving forward relative to budget and equity among the different grades. Programs:
    - 12/15: 3rd Grade - States of matter
    - 1/4: 5th Grade - Tom Wahle/Simple Machines
    - 1/12: 1st Grade - New England Aquarium
    - 1/22: 4th Grade - American Journey
7. **Website- Tracy White Wendland**
  - Spirit Wear is now up on website. Snowflake info up as well (will add picture).
  - Will add minutes and financial info.
8. **Old Business**
  - Picnic
    - No coordinator or venue secured – considering canceling it this year. Exploring last efforts to identify a coordinator.
    - Shutting down all Center field usages on June 1<sup>st</sup> due to breaking ground date. Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> suggested as window to consider (avoid Memorial Day).
    - Hale also a possibility if available.
  - Kim O'Connor will be taking on Spirit activities.
  - Box top Coordinator – Kathy O'Keefe/Krista Bracci
    - Center down to 1000 box tops over the last month.
    - Labels for Education (Campbell's): 670 points thus far. Exploring ways to earn additional points.
  - Lip Sync Coordinator – Linda Harmon; Jan 30<sup>th</sup> (snow date Jan 31<sup>st</sup>); rehearsals on 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Preparing letter to Parents.
    - Looking for additional volunteers.
9. **New Business**

- RECESS Partnership (ESBC) – Fund raising for new School. They need us as a standing non-profit to help facilitate fund raising. Suggestion for them to explore becoming a non-profit.
  - We cannot make decision without Hale PTO agreement.
  - If we go over a threshold in income, then we can be reviewed/audited.
  - Concern of confusion to contributors as to whether or not they are contributing to SPTO or RECESS.
  - Suggestion to ESBC to re-consider becoming their own non-profit (for example, contact STARS to understand how they relatively quickly completed that process), and to coordinate throughout the year between the 2 groups for fund raising activities.

**10. Treasurer’s Update - Debi Estey:** 11-30-09 Treasurer’s Report submitted. Tax return filed 11/14/09.

**11. Meeting Schedule** – generally keep to 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month.  
 Remaining Meetings: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 11, June tbd

**12. Adjourn 9:28pm.**

**SPTO Meeting Attendee list 12-1-09**

Stacey Almy
Karen Ashworth
Leslie Bell
Jane Bolinsky
Kelly Buttiglieri
Amy-Jo Conant
Dina DeMayo
Debi Estey
Linda Harmon
Maureen Hogan
Youm Kim
Kathy O’Keefe
Ellen Piccioli
Mary-Kathryn Quinn
Kathleen Rusilas
Colinda Samarjian
Kristen Straub
Allison Wallace
Tracy White Wendland
Lin Winin
Myie Yvanovich