

RICK MARCOTTE CENTRAL SCHOOL

PTO Meeting Minutes – 1/14/10 (6:30-8:00 p.m.; Cafeteria)

Meeting Called to order at: 6:32

Number in Attendance: 14

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Melissa Baker & Sheri Hill

- **Reports -**
 - **President's/Vice President's Report** – Melissa Baker & Sheri Hill
 - Vice President position will be open for next year (Lee and Amy will stay on in current roles and Sheri will move to President, so the Vice President position will be open)
 - Ideas for March meeting? Looking for ideas for parent information series- Sue will speak with Kelsey Lewis about presenting.
 - February meeting will feature a representative from the UVM Military Kids Coordination Team
 - During the April meeting Susie Merrick will come from middle school PTO to speak with 5th grade parents
 - May meeting will be the night for elections
 - 700.00 from Edge fundraiser to date- ends tomorrow 1/15
 - Movie night heavily attended by k-2 and some 3-5 (Wall-E was the movie).
 - During the December meeting of the executive board, the event summary form was revised and will be sent out to coordinators to submit (form was revised from one on the PTO today site). This information will assist planners of events for the next year.
 - Box Tops will get a check for approx 750.00- open to suggestions for how to recognize classes for meeting their BoxTop goals.
 - Simple ice cream treats, recognition at a CARES assembly from a PTO representative, Sue had a few ideas from staff members.
 - Lee will draft a letter of recognition for classes who meet their goals
 - **Treasurer's Report** - Lee Jackson
 - Actual Budget with forecast- on track to come in with a loss of approximately \$4,700.00 this year- will come out of retained earnings at the end of the year when the books are closed for the year.
 - Balance sheet page 2
 - Third page cash on hand: Total COH: approx. 18,000+
 - Some transactions not accounted for in this report.....
 - **Secretary's Report** - Amy Truchon
 - November Meeting Minutes: motion to approve November meeting minutes. Motion seconded and minutes approved.
 - **Principal's Report** – Sue Luck
 - Patricia Newman at RMCS on Monday, Feb 1st- author in residence. Newman will be at Barnes and Noble on Feb.3rd.
 - Technology Update: All 5 mounts and electrical work done for the lcd projectors- thinking that by next week that the work will be completed.
 - From a 5th grade classroom: Students were presented with the question: “What will your ideal classroom look like?” On many lists- every kid would have a laptop. This then became the topic of their persuasive essays –pro or con. Sue was able to listen to students present their persuasive pieces. Superintendent Everitt also came to listen as well as reps from technical services and tech integration as well as Asst. Superintendent Canning and Mr.Thieret who is also a computer vendor. Dovetailing on a bigger plan involving the middle school, JoAn Canning – middle school teachers, Bobby Thieret and others went to Maine – visited a school where every child had a

laptop. RMCS thinking about purchasing 2 carts with “notebook” computers. Thinking about configuration of existing computer and software resources to fund money- also looking at grant sources to fund this.

- Xcountry skiing began this week- a big success both during regular PE classes and the after school program Doug Day is offering. 23+ kids on first Friday for after school xcountry skiing.
- During the week of January 25th there will be a lock down drill. A Crisis Team exists in the school and meets monthly with police. Safety plans hang in classrooms by doors. Locks are now turn locks. Teachers will know when the drill is occurring and may tell students that the drill is coming soon – younger grades may know exactly when it is happening.
 - Parent shared concern that the school is very open and any body could walk in, slip in and go unnoticed
 - Sue responded that the elementary schools have chosen not to lock front doors. That they do not have an optimal entry way but it is kept an eye on.
- Bobby Pennington works with 5th grade team and fundraising drive- she wants to keep this experience real. Sue’s son, Adam, is in Ghana working for the Peace Corps. Adam visited the school and presented to the students about schooling of children in Gwollu, Ghana, Africa. Pennies for Gwollu is the focus for this year’s penny drive.
 - RMCS is sending a box of books over – courteously of individuals in Lee Jackson’s company for sponsoring the mailing and the donation of books from the Sheri Hill’s Girl Scout Troop.
 - Amy will get the PowerPoint and pictures from Sue to post on the PTO site (a suggestion made to link to Adam’s blog: <http://adaminghana.blogspot.com/>)
 - As of today have \$500.00 raised
 - Suggestion was made that classes have choice to donate BoxTop reward instead of receiving ice-cream
- **Faculty Report & Requests**– Faculty Representative(s) Diane Farnham and Maureen Caruso
 - Kindergarten teacher suggested an alternative to existing school pictures- specifically the class picture- will bring an example to give to Lisa to look at.
 - No other faculty requests at this time.
- **New Business/Upcoming January Events**
 - Coffee Fundraiser – January 8th – January 18th
 - Joyce Hendley in charge of this. Can order online and info went home (one informational sheet per family)
 - Sports & Fitness Edge Fundraiser - extended through January 15th
 - 700\$ from 6 new memberships hope this can be done again next year
 - Author Visit – Patricia Newman - February 1st to RMCS
 - At Barnes and Noble Feb 3rd - Question re: sales that are generated from her visit to BN- will a percentage go to RMCS? Annette will check into this.
 - Family Fun Night – January 29th
 - 6:30-8:00 Central School Alum DJ, food donations from a few places, free event, bingo, face painting and Pictionary, board games in library, Marcos providing a deal on sandwiches, possible high school volunteers, still looking for more parents.
 - Siblings welcome to attend but focus on high school volunteers
 - A suggestion to speak to Lisa Levite about having a presence to encourage absentee ballots she was there last year. Sue will speak to her.
- **Other Items:**
 - Dates for K registration, Helen Frost and Natlie Kinsey-Warnock?

- Next PTO Pizza and Movie Night in March: Kristen has 4 suggestions for PG movies- looking for a bigger audience (first night heavily attended by k-2) Up, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, G-Force Monsters v/s Aliens
 - Discussion about PG v/s G- event may be catering to younger students anyway- a recommendation that the movies still be G- may help to reduce controversy. Will have to go back to Kristin to get other G movie options.
- Martin LaLonde attended School Board meeting when proposed budget was presented There is a question out there re: the Charter Amount- is this the ceiling for expenditures- City's attorney checking into this. Martin sending a letter to the School Board stating that he feels disempowered because he feels the budget is too low- voting no doesn't send his message that it is too low (the proposed amount is lower than the charter amount). If anyone wants to speak to Martin about this contact him at martinlalonde@comcast.net. Martin encouraged people to attend the School Board Meetings

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 10th, 2010; 6:30-8pm at RMCS cafeteria

Meeting adjourned at: 7:53.

Minutes compiled by Amy Truchon

Event/Activity		Description	2009/2010 Coordinator	January Updates
Assemblies	Coordinate planning		Kristin Magnant	Ideas given to Sue Luck for consideration. Sue to ask teachers if there are additional ideas/suggestions that may fit within their needs at this time.
Barnes and Noble Book Fair	Fundraiser to benefit school		Darlene LeClair; Julie Dale	Event/Project completed.
Bolton Valley	Coordinate Friday night skiing with RMCS and Bolton Valley. Enrollment mid-December.		Heidi Smith, Jack Hauman	No January update provided.
Box Tops	Educate school community/collect/send in Oct & Feb		Lee Jackson	Waiting on check for box tops submitted in October. Next submission is 3/31/10
Bulletin Boards - Art	Assist Mrs. Lewis in changing artwork displays on bulletin board; 2-3 hours each month		Lisa Imobersteg	No January update provided.
Bulletin Boards - Lobby	Decorate main entrance board 4 times/year		Yvonne Howlett	No January update provided.
Campbell Soup Labels	Educate school community/collect/send in		Karen Dantzcher	Accumulated lots of points. Researching ways to spend points.
Capital Expenditures	Recommend expenditures of PTO funds		Martin LaLonde	Nothing new to report at this time.
Coffee Fundraiser	Adirondack Coffee - Winter Fundraiser		Joyce Hendley	Order forms went out last week in backpacks and are due Monday Jan 18th (really the 19th - I forgot about MLK day). We expect delivery of orders by week of Feb 1. - Joyce Hendley
Communication	Coordinating & publishing internal and external communication activities (The Other Paper articles, printed news distributed internally, etc.)		Jennifer Killeen	Article on Community Services to be submitted to OP for the Jan 28th edition.
Directory Student/Parent	Prepare lists of all students, photocopy and distribute		PTO Board	Event/Project completed.
Family Fun Night	Set-up/clean-up, lead games, monitor rink, supervise food area, parking		Kelly Knudsen, Jessica MacDonough, Shelly McCallig	We still need more parent volunteers - please contact Shelly McCallig <smccallig@yahoo.com> if you can help that night, or with food prep ahead of time. Still securing SBHS or FHTMS volunteers - anyone with older siblings/ children who would like to help out, please contact Kelly Knudsen knudsenvt@comcast.net . Darren Cassani, a Central School alum will be our DJ this year - he gave us a great discount! Sandwiches ordered from Marco's. Hot chocolate donated from Starbucks. \$25 Donation from Costco toward other food. Posters to go up next week Jan 19. More details in Sue's Friday letter on Jan 22.
Field Days	Recruit volunteers and coordinate with Mr. Day		Glen Briggs	No January update provided.
Fundraising	Compile and recommend new fundraising ideas		Brenda Balon	I am scheduled to meet with our committee next Thursday morning at my home, to discuss the materials I have been provided to date, and to brainstorm new fundraising ideas. Will meet with Sheri & Melissa early Feb to review our recommendations.
Great American	Fall fundraiser - product sales		Deb Dennison	Event Summary provided to the board.
Green team	Coordinate drop-off and pick-up of recycles cartridges and cell phones; schoolwide "green" education		Denyse LeStrange	No January update provided.
Hands On Nature	Attend 5 workshops and teach class to students (2-3 volunteers/class)		Shelly McCallig & Dee Liebegott	Completed 3rd parent training this week. Next training in March.

Hannaford's Receipts	Educate school community/collect/send in	Carolyn Terhune	collected a total of \$288 worth of Hannaford Helps Schools Certificates. Waiting to hear if RMCS sent in the highest amount of certificates, if so we will receive the bonus of \$1000.
Health Screening	Recruit 15 volunteers to help with screening	Melissa Baker	Event/Project completed.
Join In - Community Outreach	Coordinate program with administration for needs with in our community at RMCS	Julie Beatty	No January update provided.
Language Enrichment Program - French & Spanish	Coordinate program and parent volunteers for Central school students (fall & spring for 6 weeks)	Lauren Pricer	Nothing new to report at this time. Spring sessions Spanish/French scheduled to start
Logo item sales	Organize, coordinate & distribute the selling of Central School clothing	Heidi Smith	Event/Project completed.
Many Milers	Coordinate program with Run Vermont and RMCS. Promotes healthy habits and activities for kids.	Heidi Smith/Robin Hall	No January update provided.
Picnic	Recruit volunteers, cook/serve, clean-up	Andrea Dion	No January update provided.
Pizza/Movie Night	Fundraiser to benefit school	Terrie Easton	Event/Project completed.
Pizza/Movie Night	Fundraiser to benefit school	Kristin Magnant	Movie Night scheduled for March 20th (end of RMCS spirit week) The movies Kristin would like to put out to the kids for a vote so far are Up, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, G-Force and Monsters vs Aliens. If anyone else has suggestions, please let Kristin know.
Playground	Upgrade and maintain	Martin LaLonde	Kids vote sheets will go out the week of the 25th for return that week, and go from there.
Popcorn	Make/sell popcorn one day/month	Angela Ferro	Nothing new to report per Martin.
Price Chopper Receipts	Educate school community/collect/send in	Carolyn Terhune	Next popcorn date 1/29/10. Volunteers secured.
PTO Newsletter	Coordinating & publishing newsletter 4-5x/year	Denyse LeStrange	have accumulated 29672 points so far. Accrual ends 2/13/10. These points will be able to be redeemed in March/April for school supplies.
Room Parent	2-3 parents for each class to assist with phoning, parties, field trips, & pictures for year book	Krishna Hines	No January update provided.
Scholastic Book Fair	Coordinate with Scholastic Co. to set up date and organize volunteers	Sheri Hill and Annette Harton	Event/Project completed.
School Pictures	Organize children for pictures	Lisa Imobersteg	No January update provided.
Shaw's Receipts	Educate school community/collect/send in	Carolyn Terhune	have accumulated enough purchases to receive \$22.30
Spring Fair	An evening of fun for the whole family! Games, attractions, café, Bingo, face painting, raffle, silent auction	Jennifer McGrath and Dee Liebegott	Meeting with previous chairperson next week and will advise of volunteer needs after meeting. Do need one additional chairperson.
Staff Appreciation Day	Plan, prepare food	Susan Sobczak & Margie Vagt	Met 1/11 to do initial planning. Event date changed to Fri. 5/14 in Teacher Lounge.
Thanksgiving Lunch	Recruit 4 volunteers to help with lunch	Lisa Imobersteg	Event/Project completed.
Tyson Food Labels	Educate school community/collect/send in	Terrie Easton	No January update provided.
UNICEF--3rd grade activity	UNICEF education, distribute and collect donation boxes in Oct.	Meg Brook	Event/Project completed.
Web Site	Update web page	Amy Truchon	Please contact Amy Truchon if there is info you would like to see available on the PTO site.
Yearbook	Take pictures, coordinate sale of yearbooks	Annette Harton	On track for this year - nothing new to report.