

Minutes of Southeast PTO

October 6, 2003

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Call to Order: 7:00pm

In Attendance: Jean Phillips, Monique Brown, Kim O'Keefe, Sue Charron, Irene Sheehan, Linda Sydie, I Iona Metell, Natalie Miniutti, Dawn Rawlinson, Barbara Vaughan, Ron Baker, Amy Trotochaud, Edmond Chibeau, Joan M. Pinney, Mirianela Hurtadodemendoza, Norma Fisher Doiron, Margie Ouimette

Treasurer's Report: We have had only a few expenses so far. Budget reflects changes approved at the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Teacher's Report: Monique Brown

Monique Brown and Beth Latino will share the position of teacher representative.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from September 8th were accepted with amendments.

Principal's Report: Norma Fisher-Doiron

The Calendar of events was discussed.

Mad Science Program has begun.

Enrichment clusters begin October 17th.

Elections will take place at Southeast on Tuesday, November 4th. The safety and security of students is carefully monitored. The PTO will sponsor a bake sale that morning beginning at 6:00 a.m.

American Education Week is November 17th-21st.

Parent Conferences begin November 24th.

American Recycles day will be celebrated on November 14th.

There have been no changes in the classroom sizes. There are 228 students at Southeast School.

Mickey Maheu is one of four finalists for the Connecticut Teacher of the Year. There will be people at Southeast on Thursday, October 9th interviewing parents, staff and students and observing Mickey teach.

The PTO will purchase books from the "*Stories for Southeast*" program in Mickey's honor. Motion to take \$50 from the Sunshine Fund to purchase books from "*Stories for Southeast*" in honor of Mickey Maheu. Unanimously passed.

Norma Fisher-Doiron is looking for topics for PAC meetings. This evenings meeting was presented by Marie Liebman and the topic was Character Education.

Other ideas suggested:

Impact of Budget

Testing

Curriculum maps

Technology
Dealing with Diversity

Old Business:

Thank you to Barbara Vaughan for coordinating the fall gift wrap fundraiser. Over \$2,000.00 was raised. Barbara will be looking for volunteers to help her distribute the gift wrap when it arrives.

Fundraisers: Stacey Fulton handed out a list of fundraising ideas that were brainstormed at a fundraising meeting. It should be taken into consideration when planning events at Southeast School that the trestle tree will be at school from February 23rd-April 16th.

The playscape committee is interested in utilizing the services of *Boundless Playscapes*. This company helps schools coordinate fundraising efforts, set goals and design a playscape to fit the needs of the school. They will consult with us, free of charge for a couple of months, but then a contract must be signed. Once a contract is signed, *Boundless Playscapes* will collect a percentage of the total amount of equipment and labor. It will cost us less if we have parents assist in putting up the playscape.

Betsy Parker has expressed interest in the type of equipment we purchase and it might be helpful to consult with her when planning the design of the playscape. At this point, the committee will utilize the services of *Boundless Playscapes* up until the signing of the contract phase.

The "*Creative Toymaker*", a toy store in Glastonbury, will give a 10% discount to patrons who mention Southeast Elementary School on Saturday, November 15th. They will also send 10% of those purchases to us.

New Business:

American Education Week is November 17th-21st. Margie Ouimette will coordinate the "gifts" and Wednesday brunch and is looking for volunteers with creative ideas to come up with some small teacher gifts. It has also been suggested that we give teacher's monthly "gifts" to thank them for all they do. Margie will work with Linda Sydie to coordinate this effort and use some of the \$250 budgeted for American Education Week.

An inexpensive suggestion from Norma Fisher Doiron is to offer lunch duty coverage for a teacher one week.

Pauline Hayes is coordinating the Early Dismissal System this year.

Stacey Fulton will once again coordinate school banking.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 pm

Submitted by: Margie Ouimette, Secretary

Our Next Meeting will be Monday, November 3, 2003

