

Minutes of the Southeast PTO  
November 01, 2004

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Norma Fisher-Doiron, Joan Pinney, Kim O'Keefe, Dawn Rawlinson, Monique Brown, Stacey Fulton, Amy Chibeau, Margaret Morrison, Ron Baker, Margie Ouimette

SECRETARY'S REPORT: REVIEW MINUTES  
Motion for acceptance: Amy Chibeau  
Motion seconded by: Kim O'Keefe  
In Favor: All

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kindergarten Library Bags purchased with new logo, Carnival start up money taken out, 1K transferred into Type I speakers, 1200 in currently in playscape fund, Carnival brought in 6,945.00, wrapping paper brought in 5,310.50, Kid Cards brought in about \$600 to playscape fund.

Motion for September/October acceptance: Stacey Fulton  
Motion seconded by: Margie Ouimette  
In Favor: All

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:  
Calendar of Events passed out for review (available on line) with additions of MMS Oliver "teaser" 11/15, Book Fair 22 – 24.

Elections: Constable to direct traffic, schedules adjusted to avoid having students in back hall.

Residency: PAST (Meg Harper) Archeology Team contract for \$4,000, 3 workshops per grade level, donating 160 hrs. = paying for 40 hours only.

PAC Meeting on Hiring new staff and professional development, poor attendance. Looking to communicate better through notices. Margie Ouimette looking into utilizing "room parent" idea to improve PTO/parent communications

TEACHER'S REPORT: New distribution list developed for PTO. There was a suggestion to add parents to PTO distribution list, and to communicate PAC agendas through the internet

OLD BUSINESS:

Grants: Nicolodean grant went out, looking into writing a grant to Microsoft. Amy Chibeau suggested looking into the "Foundation Center" organized through the library; Joan Pinney will look into this.

Fundraising: Stacey Fulton reported that the Munson's fundraiser is the only one left for this year and that the Book Fair needs volunteers.

American Education Week Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, Margie Ouimette organizing brunch for Wednesday. In the past we have also given token gifts over the course of the week. Looking for someone to organize this. Suggestions were given. Approximately 55 staff members to cover.

NEW BUSINESS: Natalie Minutti suggested having next PAC/PTO meeting at the library as more of a social event. Natalie Minutti and Presidents looking into this.

Elections: Lines? Amy Chibeau wondering if we should prepare for this. Norma said this is not expected.

School Readiness Council: Sandy Baxter presented. The SRC was organized in 1998. Their name is now "Mansfield Advocates for Children". They are sponsored by a grant called The Graustein. 1 of 47 communities supported by this grant. Sandy works in social services. More information can be obtained on the town web site under early care and education. Survey on Full Day K recently done, and the research is now posted on this web page. 2 previous Community Conversations sponsored by this council; sub groups and actions items around early care arose from these events. Ken Dautrich (UCONN) directed and analyzed study on early care; results going on website. Dr. Schimmel, teachers, & parents visiting Full Day Kindergarten and a group is reporting back. Board of Ed to decide on whether and/or how to implement all day K. 12 parenting videos shown on Channel 13: T 3 – 5, F 10 –They are called "I am Your Child" Early Care and Education. It was suggested that videos be offered in the library (Amy Chibeau) The Big School Book was also developed by the council which is a picture book of important people at each school and is used to ease transitions from other programs to the public school system. They are looking into a way to keep it updated with pictures. The council needs more parent voices, especially on sub-committees which include I. Full Day K II. Assessing needs III. Disseminating Information IV. Financing Early Care . Ms. Axter then asked how the council could support the PTO. The playscape was mentioned, especially grant writing to raise more money for it. Sandy can be reached at [baxtersp@mansfieldct.org](mailto:baxtersp@mansfieldct.org) .

Kim O'Keefe stated that there is a shortage of people on PTO, supporting PTO events, Both the Book Fair and Banking need to be shadowed as the chairs will be leaving soon. Please "grab" people and ask if they would join.

Joan Pinney: Nicolodean matches what we have in our account. Looking to transfer funds to increase our base balance to apply for this. Motion Kim O'Keefe, Seconded Margie Ouimette, All in favor

MEETING ADJOURNED:  
RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN 11/01/04  
NEXT MEETING: 12/06/04