

Royle School PTO Meeting

October 12, 2011

The September minutes were approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jumping Jack event today at 2:30pm. We still need more volunteers.

Staff development was on Monday and it went really well. Each grade met in the morning to look at every child and their needs. K-2 met in the afternoon with Mary and Paula to review the literacy intervention kits and Interactive Read Aloud was the focus of 3-5.

The library search continues.

We have new facilities director, Mike Lynch, from White Plains. Keith has met with him to go over the heat issue and the library windows. Also talked about the puddle in front of K wing.

Keith introduced Cristine Hefele who is our new Data Coordinator. She briefly discussed her role.

There are 4 pregnant teachers and we are working on their leave replacements.

VICE CHAIR: Passed out the Stop n Shop A + awards sheet.

CO-CHAIR'S REPORT:

CDSP: Open to all parents on the first Thursday of each month. Stephen Falcone discussed the district goals and objectives. World language is going to the curriculum committee prior to budget season. Daily Darien is running the same contest as last year. You vote for your school and whoever gets the most votes wins a monetary prize. The PTO is not endorsing this contest.

BOE - Elementary school gardens were approved. Ox Ridge and Tokeneke are piloting the program. They will be planted in the spring. It will be tied into the curriculum. We need to establish a garden committee as well as 2 co-chairs.

TREASURER REPORT: Voted and passed the 2011/2012 budget (included). Cathy discussed some of the components of the \$100 spending cap.

GUEST SPEAKER: Co-presidents of the DAEG (Darien Advocates for the Education of the Gifted) Shamyla Menon & Karin Sharp.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENRICHMENT: Boston Museum of Science will be here in November. Author visits and book orders will arrive soon.

ROYLE WRAP UP: Total participation is at 73.4%. Total orders of \$31,515.29 including matching gifts. Frogs will be here soon. Delivery will be on election day with distribution to families the next day (Wednesday the 9th).

ROYLE GOES GREEN: Walk to school day will be on the 19th.

KIDS CARE The costume drive went well an P2P was very grateful. November 9 will be the next meeting and we will count the UNICEF money from Halloween.

SCHOOL STORE: Halloween treat bags start today for \$4.

YEARBOOK: Nautical theme for the yearbook this year. Artwork going home soon.

PARENT AWARENESS: Numerous programs this fall (see attached flyers). Will be posted on the bulletin board. Please visit YWCADARIENNORWALK.ORG for more information.

SOCIAL: 650 people attended the picnic. Thank you to the volunteers. November 30 is movie matinee.

UNICEF had sign ups for store posters and the students will have their letter by the end of the week.

ROYLE RAGS is going well. Will be selling at conference time.

BOX TOPS will be starting up. February is the collection. Will have a classroom competition.

DIRECTORIES are still available.

GIFT CARD sales will be starting on October 24 and delivered on November 21.

Book Fair is November 15-19 and family night will be on the 18.

The meeting was adjourned.