

Malletts Bay School P.T.O. Minutes
Oct. 28, 2009

Attended by: Laurie Cullen, Barbara Nason, Carolyn Milham, Angela Zwonik, Mary Ann Barnes, Barb Mier, Lisa Lagerquist, Mary Small, Carrie Batchelder, Karen Bates, Janet ..., Tiera Porter, Eileen Moore, _____. **Guest:** Gwen Carmolli, CSD Curriculum Director.

1. **Minutes from Sept. 23, 2009:** Approved with no changes.

2. **Treasurer's Report:**

Income/Deposits:

Fall Fundraiser: \$14,848.66

Expenses:

Fall Fundraiser: \$7,461.5

Odyssey of the Mind membership: \$135

Paper/Supplies: \$65.80

Playground Equipment (new cart): \$287.49

Fees/Chargebacks (checks bounced from fundraiser): \$175

3. **Fall Fundraiser:** Maura was not able to attend, but sent a report:

Total Sales: \$15,586. Profit will be about 50%. Sales are down this year, but that was expected with the economy.

Laurie Cullen suggested that for next year the PTO think about just asking for donations rather than selling things. She has heard from several parents who would rather just make a donation where 100% goes to the PTO. Also, this would be more earth friendly - less paper and shipping.

4. **Special Events:**

Bingo Night: Tiera Porter and Eileen Moore offered to run a bingo night at MBS. They have organized Bingo Nights at PPS and raised almost \$1,000. They said it is a easy fundraiser and a fun evening. Laurie asked them to bring back more details next time and PTO discussed possibly holding the event in February.

Sock Hop: The group agreed that last year's first Sock Hop was fun for families and we would like to have this event again. Laurie Cullen and Mary Small will coordinate the event. Scheduled for Dec. 4. Angela Zwonik to ask Dan Carver about cookie donations from Rhino Foods. Laurie to look into DJ. The group also discussed having families bring mitten or sock donations for local non-profit agencies.

Family Fun Day: This is a Saturday afternoon event in May. Lisa Lagerquist can help coordinate, but will need other helpers. She may be out of town at the end of May.

Rain Barrel Workshops: Karen Bates suggested holding a rain barrel workshop for families, possibly in May around Mother's Day. PTO could charge about \$40 for workshop, which Karen would lead. Families could build rain barrels for their homes. This could be part fundraiser (materials are approx. \$15) and also educational. One challenge is finding donated 55 gallon drums for the barrels. Angela Zwonik to ask about getting some from Rhino Foods.

5. **News from Barbara Nason & Carolyn Milham: New Report Cards**

Gwen Carmolli, Curriculum Director for CSD, presented the revised report cards for MBS. They are similar to ones being used at PPS and UMS. Goals in revising the report cards

were to use the same language K-5; minimize confusion for parents; build consistency across schools. New cards will no longer use letter grades A-F. Instead, for most subjects the grades will be E (Exceeds Grade Expectations), M (Meets Grade Expectations) and W T (Working Towards Grade Expectations). Gwen shared copies of the report cards for grades 3, 4 and 5. New report cards also include data from reading assessments and NECAP scores. The biggest change is the math section which has been moved to the back. The math section lists the secure skills from Everyday Math broken down by trimester. Each skill will be marked M or WT. Eventually the goal is to have similar detail for other subjects.

Parents asked several questions about the new report cards. Some questions were:

- For math, why is there no option for "Exceeds Grade Expectations?"
- Why is there so much detail for math, but not for the other subjects?
- How will a parent and student know if a student who falls in the "working toward" category is improving? With letter grades, a student could see improvement from C- to B, for example.
- What happens when students get to middle school and have letter grades? Won't that be a difficult transition?

6. **Misc:**

Volunteer Survey: Lisa Lagerquist reported that we received about 45 responses from parents to the PTO Volunteer Survey. Information has been tabulated and Lisa distributed lists of volunteers to each person coordinating an event.

Odyssey of the Mind: Lisa Lagerquist reported that the final organizational meeting for OM is Thursday, October 29, 2009. We have two teams already formed and hope to have 1 or 2 more teams, depending on availability of coaches.

Next Meeting: TBD.