

**Malletts Bay School P.T.O. Minutes**  
**April 14, 2010**

**In Attendance:** Lisa Lagerquist, Barb Mier, Cheryl Howard, Tiera Porter, Cheryl Aley, Trish Powsner, Mary Ann Barnes, Cindy Ruescher, Mark Winchester, Mary Small

1. **Minutes from Feb. 10, 2010:** Approved with no changes. One update from Laurie Cullen - the Family Fun Day will not be held this May since no one was able to chair it. We will discuss it again for next year.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Mary recommended that the PTO consider removing some items when planning next year's budget. We have received no money from Hannaford's this year, so should not plan on any for next year. Also, the Holiday Show has not paid us yet (although that is not a surprise), and it is rumored that the show is not going to continue. Several people agreed they have heard this was the last year. No final notice though.

For income, clothing sales made approximately \$900 and the Bingo Night with the Faculty Raffle brought in approximately \$1000.

Our current balance is about \$20,000. We still need to pay \$10,000 for fine arts, \$3,600 for teacher grants (will distribute this week), and \$600 for 4 Winds.

3. **Bingo Night-** All agreed that it was a fun night and a good fundraising event. PTO thanked the teachers for donating raffle prizes. Generated great excitement among the students and was a great way to build community.
4. **Fall Fundraiser/Fundraising:** Laurie raised the question of whether we want to continue doing the fall fundraiser. The proceeds have been dropping each year and she also is getting complaints from parents who don't want to be selling "stuff." Our fall fundraiser this year did not raise enough to even cover the fine arts grant. The group had a long discussion about options including: sending a letter to parents just asking for donations; having a yard sale and more events; having a walkathon/read-a-thon; selling something with more "value" - like seeds from High Mowing (local, useful). It was decided to send a survey home this spring to parents getting their opinion about what they would like to see the PTO do, and how they prefer to raise the funds.
5. **Safe Routes to School:** Lisa Lagerquist is heading the Safe Routes to School program for MBS this year. This program promotes students walking and biking to school and also bicycle and pedestrian education. Lisa is applying for a grant to construct two sidewalks and crosswalks to connect the bike path along Blakely Road to the sidewalk in front of MBS.
6. **News from Barb & Carolyn:** Neither Barb nor Carolyn attended so there was no update.
7. **Misc:** There was general discussion about communicating more with parents - to inform them of what the PTO is doing and to encourage participation. The group discussed having a regular "PTO Corner" in the MBS newsletter. PTO is also planning a welcoming event for new 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. With the new principal starting in the fall, PTO would like to have a "Meet the Principal" night/opportunity for families, perhaps as part of the MBS Open House night.

**Next Meeting: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30**