



September 6, 2011 PTA Meeting Minutes

Welcome to a new school year! Here's to a great 2011-2012!
It's great to have some new faces @ our meeting!

August Minutes - we'll go over at our October meeting.
Treasurer's Report - we'll go over that at our October meeting.

Principal's Report:

Opening week went really great. Bus routes went smoothly. Some parents are still working w/ the district about their route issues.

New staff: 4th Grade teachers: Erica Geyer and Michele Twombly, IA's: Jean Atherton and Julie Nichols, Elizabeth Cominole, the new Library Media Specialist and Laura Doyle, the new District Instrumental Music Teacher.

New snack program - started 9/6. Working w/ Diane Desmond & Lucinda Ward.....few glitches. Ironing out as we speak. Preschool started today. Kids had a great day. Getting into their routine. Homework Committee will start up again. We got the parent survey results back. We have not eliminated homework - teachers will still be sending home homework. Homework needs to be meaningful and have a purpose. School = community gathering 9/19. Morning session for 1-3 graders. Afternoon session for 4-6 graders. Lots of things going on for teacher development this year. Need to talk as a PTA about the upcoming school council elections.

Fund Requests:

Main Office - Laminate for Teacher Resource Room. Teachers use this machine quite a bit.
\$881.70 (need approx 30 rolls in total) APPROVED BY LIZ BUTLER. 2ND BY JENNY PATTERSON

PRINTERS/INK: MAE KELLY - NEED PRINTERS/INK. NEW COMPUTERS WERE PURCHASED APROX 6 YEARS AGO.

RIGHT NOW, TEACHERS CANNOT PRINT FROM THEIR DESKS.
DISTRICT RECOMMENDED THAT WE GO W/ SHARED PRINTERS - TO CUT COSTS.
WE DID PURCHASE 2 COLOR PRINTERS & 2 BLACK & WHITE PRINTERS. WE

DISCUSSED

A FEW DIFFERENT OPTIONS TO PURCHASE 32 PRINTERS PLUS INK FOR ALL

CLASSROOM

TEACHERS AS WELL AS SPECIALISTS. A CONCERN IS THAT PTA WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE TO PURCHASE INK FOR THESE PRINTERS IN THE COMING YEARS - TYPICALLY

THE

DISTRICT WOULD NOT BUY INK.

FOR LARGER PRINT JOBS OR FOR PROJECTS, TEACHERS WOULD USE THE NETWORK

PRINTERS

ALREADY IN THE SCHOOL.

CHRISTINE KNEELAND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL TO

FIND OUT ABOUT THE

DISTRICT NETWORK PLAN AND REPORT BACK TO PTA AT THE NEXT MEETING BEFORE

ANY DECISION
IS MADE.

FALL FEST: LIZ BUTLER & PAMELA GAY: FRIDAY OCT 28TH ON ROWLEY TOWN COMMON.
(1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL THAT DAY). 6TH ANNUAL FALL FEST - COMMUNITY EVENT.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PLEASE CONTACT PAMELA GAY:

PAMELA_SHAWN@VERIZON.NET

\$875.00 TO COVER INITIAL EXPENSES. WE TRY TO GET MOST ITEMS DONATED FROM
LOCAL
BUSINESSES. WE ASK THAT FOLKS BRING A DONATION OF A CANNED GOOD FOR THE
ROWLEY
FOOD PANTRY AS ADMISSION. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BRING
LOTS OF
DONATED FOOD TO THE PANTRY!
APPROVED BY JOAN PETERSEN. 2ND BY: JEN GODFREY

DISCUSSIONS/UPCOMING EVENTS:

FALL MUM SALE: COUNTRY GARDENS GIVE THEM TO PINE GROVE @ COST. WE'RE CHARGING
\$6.00 PER POT.

PICK UP AT COUNTRY GARDENS SATURDAY 9/10 FROM 8AM-11AM. WE COULD USE
SOME
VOLUNTEERS FOR PICK UP DAY. THANKS TO COUNTRY GARDENS FOR HELPING
PTA! WE'VE
HAD A GREAT RESPONSE!
ORDER FORMS NEED TO BE IN BY WED 9/7.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:
THE FIRST

CONTACT INFO, SO
WE'RE NOT ASKING
THE PTA - WE WOULD
YEARLY MEMBERSHIP
INSURANCE AT ALL OF

PTA FLYER WAS SENT HOME TO FAMILIES VIA BACKPACK MAIL ON
DAY OF SCHOOL. PLEASE FILL OUT THE PTA FORM W/ YOUR
YOU CAN BE SURE TO GET ALL THE LATEST PTA INFO. THIS YEAR
FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES - IF FOLKS WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO
GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. PINE GROVE PTA DOES HAVE TO PAY A
FEE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS PTA - THIS ENSURES THAT WE HAVE
OUR EVENTS. THIS ALSO GIVE US A NON-PROFIT STATUS.

PGS COOKBOOK - PANTHER BITES: FALL FUNDRAISER! WE'RE MAKING A COOKBOOK W/ FAMILY
RECIPE'S.

BE DONE
FORM THAT
RECIPE. WE'LL
QUOTES THAT
DURING FREE ART

DETAILED INFO WILL BE COMING OUT THRU EMAIL. THIS WILL ALL
ONLINE. IF SOMEONE DOES NOT HAVE A COMPUTER, THERE IS A
THEY CAN FILL OUT AND WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE INPUT THEIR
BE ASKING FOR PARENTS TO SEND IN FUNNY, FOOD RELATED
WE'LL USE AS FILLERS ON THE RECIPE PAGES. JEN DUBIS, THE
ART TEACHER WILL LET THE CHILDREN DO DOODLE ARTWORK
TIME FOR THE FILLER PAGES AS WELL.

GREAT ADVERTISING
COOKBOOK.

FOR A \$50.00 FEE, LOCAL BUSINESSES CAN SUBMIT A RECIPE -
FOR THEM & THEY'LL GET A COMPLIMENTARY COPY OF THE

WEEK OF OCTOBER CRAFT FAIR. ALL RECIPES ARE DUE SEPT 23RD. WE'LL SUBMIT IT BY FIRST TO ENSURE DELIVERY IN TIME TO SELL THE COOKBOOKS @ THE

PARENT INFO NIGHTS: GATHER IN THE ALL PURPOSE ROOM. CHRISTINE & MARGO WILL SPEAK AND INTRODUCE PRESIDENT OF PTA AND RPEF. LOOKING FOR HELP TO SIT @ THE PTA TABLE TO SIGN FOLKS UP FOR PTA. WED 9/21 FOR K-3 GRADES AND WED 9/28 FOR 4-6 GRADES.

PTA/RPEF JOINT VENTURE POSSIBILITY: PTA & RPEF MET LAST SPRING TO POSSIBLY JOIN TOGETHER & WORK FOR THE KIDS. LAST YEAR THE 4TH GRADE PARENTS UTILIZED THE GOVENOR'S ACADEMY FOR THEIR FUNDRAISER. WE'RE TRYING TO GET THAT VENUE FOR AN ALL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER IN MARCH. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

SPUDS RESTAURANT NIGHT: SPUDS WILL GIVE US 15% OF THE 9/6 AND SHOW IT TO YOUR DINING TO DONATE NIGHT: MONDAY SEPT 19TH FROM 4PM-9M. NIGHTS PROFITS. PLEASE PRINT THE FLYER THAT WAS SENT OUT ON SERVER BEFORE YOU ORDER.

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER: 50% PROFIT. FREE SHIPPING. LAST YEAR THEY HAD ONLY 1 DISTRIBUTION CENTER. NOW THEY HAVE 3 DISTRIBUTION CENTERS. YANKEE CANDLE HAS ASSURED US THAT THINGS WILL GO SMOOTHLY THIS YEAR. HOPEFULLY FOLKS WILL BE WILLING TO PURCHASE THEIR PRODUCTS TO BENEFIT PINE GROVE SCHOOL. EVERY DOLLAR THAT COMES BACK TO PINE GROVE SCHOOL IS A PLUS! WEEK OF OCT 14TH - ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE BACK TO YANKEE CANDLE. WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS IN BY THANKSGIVING! MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!

DISTRICT HANDBOOK: PLEASE READ IT!! IT HAS BEEN REVISED. THE MCAS SCHEDULE IS IN THERE. PLEASE PUT MCAS DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

MOTION TO ADJOURN: APPROVED BY: JEN GODFREY & 2ND BY: CELESTE KIRICOPLES