

Federal Street School PTO Minutes

Date: September 16, 2009

Time: 6-7:30 P.M.

Members in Attendance: Julie Kimball, Jennifer Taggart, Marguerite Rancourt, Linda Madden, Joan Schell, Shannon Collins, Paula Bell, Deb Isles, Brenda Bennett, Carol Perkins, Angie McCarthy, Sara Haselton, Danielle Barron, Melodie Magnan, Shannon Larange, Nancy Putnam.

Shannon Larange- There are some vacant positions for the PTO-co-chair & treasurer. Angie McCarthy was nominated for the co-chair position. A motion was made & seconded. It was also voted to have Shannon & Angie act as co-treasurers until the position is filled by another parent. Times that the PTO meetings are being held will alternate between after school & evenings. Times will be posted ahead of time. This will give parents an opportunity to attend depending on their schedules. Dye cutting machine came in for the teachers over the summer.

Principal's Report- Open house will be Sept. 23 at 6 P.M. PTO is able to post things on the school website, such as important dates or events for families. Sept. 18th is a half day of school. Several classrooms got carpeting installed over the summer. All the teachers & custodians worked very hard to meet their deadlines. The nurse's office got new tile. Population at Four Corner's is 110. Trying to have each elementary school have its own identity. Federal St. is the only school with the 4th grade option. Class sizes are at good numbers. The Specials offered are: Gym, Art, Discovery Center, Music, and Technology. The Artspace Strings program will be starting Sept. 28th.

Nancy Putnam-Talked about upcoming fundraisers:
Wreath/Pointsettas, Butterbraids, Hillside Pizza, Original Works.

Talked of possibly having some of the fundraisers done at the same time as Newton St. & Four Corners. Option to sell pins showing that people in the community support Gfld. Schools. Tina Clark is our new Art Teacher & is interested in working with the Original Works fundraiser. Will be planning a meeting with other PTO's from Newton St & Four Corner's to discuss the fundraisers.

Angie McCarthy- BJ's has sponsored our school in the Adopt-A-School program. A banner will be displayed at their store to display children's artwork. Stephanie Vinsalett is the Rep. from BJ's who will be working with us on this project. She will be attending our Open House as well as some meetings held at the school with PTO and staff.

Family memberships will be available with a \$5.00 to \$10.00 discount & \$5.00 will go back to the school. On Oct. 24th is "Make a Difference Day"-snack bags will be decorated by children & filled with healthy snacks provided by BJ's. These will be given to an area shelter or families in need. They also offer "Club" night where if you shop on a certain night a percent will go back to the school. Supplies that are needed will also be donated. We will be mentioning this program on our school website.

Fundraiser Coordinator is also a PTO position available.

Money was given back to Four Corners that they had previously donated to Federal after their closing.

Book Fair- will contact Deana Furgeson from Scholastic to set up a date.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Oct. 29th.

Fall Family Fun Night-Friday Oct. 23rd. This will involve having a DJ, snacks, and structured activities for the children such as

decorating snack bags for “Make a Difference Day.”

We will be posting important information on the front school sign. Playground repairs-loose bricks near kickball field need repair & wood chips on the playground need replenishing.

Carol Perkins- Junie B. Jones will be at the Shea Theatre May 2010. PTO will help with the expense of the busses.

Our next PTO meeting will be Oct. 7th at 3:15 P.M. These meetings are open to any teachers and parents. Please join us if you have something you would like addressed or would like to stop in to see what we are all about. It’s a great way to be involved with your child’s journey in education.

If anyone is interested in the Treasurer’s position or Fundraising Coordinator please come forward. We would be willing to let two people share the fundraising position if needed. This would help cut down on the workload.