

MINUTES FROM KALER PTA MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Attending: Bernadette Papi, Marcie Nason, Michel Pothier, Marcie Skelton, Jenn Hughes, Angela Emery, Rolanda Hurtubise, Kelly Romagnoli, Janine Christensen, Diane Lang.

1. FUNDRAISING PANCAKE BREAKFAST: \$972 profit. Had to pay \$1 per ticket this year to help overhead of Applebees. Sold approx. 200 tickets. Event ran very smoothly. Next year: Unanimous vote for January. Pre-sell tickets in the lobby before and after school again. Try to have kitchen ready with pancakes when doors open. Have 5th graders serve pancakes again rather than drinks if possible.

2. ACTIVITY DAY: 1/30 Went very smoothly. Kids had lots of fun. Staff too! We did the whole day for only \$400. A thank you email to all of the staff and parents involved went out. Diane is sending a thank you to the others.

3. ENRICHMENT:

2/4 Songs of the Sea performer Dave Peloquin. 3-5th grade workshops in the am and a concert in the afternoon. Very affordable - \$325.

Betsey Cummings: hopes to bring in an author in April or May with some of the proceeds from the book fair; 4, 60 minute sessions.

PAL Grant – Amy Odom applied and the grant was approved. This will be a weaver combining stories of the ocean and more. PTA's contribution will be approximately \$300. Amy's salary and material donations she will request work towards the total in the matching funds for the grant.

4. ART SHOW: there will be no city wide art show this year. In place of that event and to still have an opportunity for parents to see the children's art work, a company is coming in at NO cost to Kaler and framing and setting up a show. Parents will have the opportunity to buy the framed art work... or simply to take the art work home (no cost) without the frame. PTA will try to provide some sort of social to go with the event. (Ex. ice cream).... ideas welcome!!

5. BOOK FAIR: 3/27. To accompany the book fair and make it a community night, Kaler PTA will be hosting its first community dinner. Mr. Dan's mother has offered to cater. We will presell tickets (much like we did for the pancake breakfast. 5:30 -7:30 is the suggested time. 5th grade to help with the event. Marcie Skelton has volunteered to coordinate the event. We are contacting Dyer to find out what has worked and what does not work for these types of dinners since they are doing them with regularity now.

6. BOX TOPS: deadline 2/28. Incentive for the class who gathers the most by 2/26 will get a \$20 gift certificate to the school book fair to buy books for their classroom. Kelly will put a note in the totes. This will be the last box top collection until next fall. We

have a great opportunity to earn money on these if we work it. Next year: Maybe a box top guy (like the trash monster at the Sea Dogs) to go around to the classrooms??

7. FALL FUNDRAISER: Read-a-thon instead of the wrapping paper? Either read over the summer... or do it in the fall. Pros of tagging this to the summer is it reinforces the goal to get kids to read over the summer, less pressure for time than in the fall, and can piggyback the library reading program. Cons: people forget, collect pledges and then spend the money, redistricting will effect things... need to connect with new families. **WOULD LOVE TO DITCH THE WRAPPING PAPER APPROACH!!**

8. CALENDAR RAFFLE: Collecting donations now, Marcie Nason to be the clearing house for the donations... hope to collect enough to make this a May Calendar and a fall calendar. We sell \$5 tickets for a calendar of the month of May that has prizes to be drawn on each day. Last year this was a great fundraiser for us.

9. PTA Check book balance: \$5663.21

10 O'Naturals: 10% proceeds of dinners fundraising opportunities. No tickets to sell. Simply get on the list. Falmouth. Dates in March April and May. Jenn Hughes is booking a date for us. We could sell cards at this event.