

# Lancaster PTO Minutes

## February 28, 2008

**I. Call to Order:** 6:55 p.m.

**II. Welcome and Introductions:** Irene Connor, Rita DiStefano, Wayne Gilbert, Patti Linenkemper, Sheila Milioto, Betty Ogborn, Raksha Patel, Rachel Vanasse.

**III. Treasurer's Report**—Raksha Patel for Lori Newton  
Available balance: \$25,458.55.

**IV. Program Updates:**

**Summer Camp Guide**—Raksha Patel for Lynn Burke

We will not be publishing a summer camp guide due to lack of volunteers and time constraints.

**Daddy/Daughter Dance**—Raksha for Lori Grasso

The preparations are under way. Lori does need volunteers for the clean up at the end of the dance. To be held Fri. March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Mother/son Event**—Raksha Patel for Roni Nagle

The Mother/son Bingo night is rescheduled for Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Roni Nagle and Meredith Sousa will coordinate.

**Lip Sync**—Raksha Patel for Annie Chagnon

There is a need for volunteers on both nights to man the ticket tables and chaperone the students in the gym.

**Shaw's Receipts**—Raksha Patel

We sent in enough receipts to collect \$235 from Shaw's. Keep sending in the receipts.

## **V. New Business/Programs:**

### **Study Island and Raz-Kids programs—Patti Linenkemper**

Patti asked if we can have the Study Island and Raz-kids presentations at the next PTO meeting. The Study Island is an online MCAS preparation program that can be accessed at school and at home. There is immediate feedback.

The Raz-Kids program is an independent reading program which can also be accessed at home. 15-20 of the staff members have been trained on the programs. Patti will do an ed-connect and Raksha will send out an email. Can be held in the auditorium.

### **Lawn Party—Patti Linenkemper**

Patti asked if PTO can sponsor the lawn party so that the proceeds can be used towards buses for field trips etc. The board can discuss it and let her know at the next meeting.

**MCAS Forum**—There will a follow-up forum in spring.

**School Budget**—MRE and LBMS combined budget is \$144,000. Needed to cut \$75,000 from it. They got it reduced to \$30,000. Michael Wood developed a plan so that jobs will not be eliminated. School committee meeting is tonight. The budget will be voted on next week. The town meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> week of May. Patti can discuss it in detail once the budget is voted on.

## **VI. Funding Requests:**

**PTO Insurance Renewal**—Raksha Patel for Lori Newton  
Requested \$295 for insurance renewal. Approved.

**MICCA Band Fest**—Wayne Gilbert

To be held in Greenfield on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Need Charter buses because of the instruments. Approved \$1200. There was an increase in bus costs this year. He will get additional \$400 from other sources.

## **VII. Miscellaneous:**

**Brewer's Offering**—Irene Connor

Bob Connor will not be looking for a venue. We need to find one. The brewers need two months notice for brewing. The Clinton Town Hall is too expensive. Will look at Eagles' Club in Leominster.

**VIII. Next Meeting:** March 13, 2008

**IX. Adjournment:** adjourned at 7:31 pm.