

Lancaster Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

Serving the

***Mary Rowlandson Elementary School
and the Luther Burbank Middle School***



Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2009

I. Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

II. Welcome and Introductions:

George Babick, Lynn Burke, Paula Castner, Rita Distefano- French, Mel Govindan, Robin LeBlanc, Gina Lovoi, Gina MacNeil, Lisa McCall, Sheila Milioto, Betty Ogborn, Nicole Reed, Scott Rossley, Carolyn Soto, Deb Williams

III. Treasurer's Report – Rita Distefano-French

Available Funds: \$27,459.73

IV. Guests & Special Presentation:

- ***Lancaster School Committee Representatives***

Mel Govindan, Monica CampoBasso & George Babick

Representatives want parents to contact them with any concerns, feedback or ideas that they want to discuss or present to the full school committee.

Meeting dates, minutes and representatives email address can be found on the Nashoba School Districts website, www.nrsd.org.

- ***Nature's Classroom 2009 Slide Show***

Scott Rossley presented a 4 minute DVD presentation showing a small sample of the 850 pictures that was taken during the 5 day trip to Ocean Park, Maine. DVD's will be available for a \$10.00 donation. Money raised from the DVD sales will be used to help fund next years 5th grade trip scheduled for September 27 – October 1.

V. Positions Filled:

PTO Board Vice President Position:

Lisa McCall was voted in as the New Vice President for the PTO 2009-2010 school year. Welcome Lisa!

Committee Chairs:

- ***Mother/Son Night*** Volunteer still needed (event date March 19, 2010).
- ***Teacher Appreciation*** – Had 2 volunteers that showed interest in coordinating this event. Sheila will email Paula Castner the names so she can contact them.
- ***Cultural Enrichment*** – Volunteer still needed before January 10, 2010.

VI: Program Updates:

- ***Family Portrait – Sheila Milioto***
31 families participated over the two days. Event profit \$755.00
- ***Horseshed Fair – Rita Distefano-French***
Rained all day very few crafters or buyers. Event profit \$137.00
Fair is usually very well attended. Sent two students around with Eco bags, pencils, etc. helped greatly with sales.
- ***Innisbrook – Rita Distefano-French for Kim Follansbee***
Sales are down so extended one more week. Final figures not available due to sales extended. Kim will stay on as coordinator next year and will be looking for a different vendor.

VII: Funding Requests:

- ***Walk For Education – Rita Distefano French for Lynn Burke***
Request for \$200.00 for supplies & gift cards for top students. Approved.
- ***Books & Beyond – Sheila Milioto for Susan LaBossiere***
Requested \$1,500 for prizes, pizza party & medals. Approved

VIII: New Business Programs:

Y Ties – Rita Distefano-French

Y-Ties are elastic shoe lace that you pull tight and start walking. Cost for Y-Ties is \$4.00 with 50% profit to the PTO. Due to all the fundraisers planned, members decided to table a decision and revisit in the spring.

IX: Miscellaneous: (Ideas, comments, questions from members)

Thank You's Received - Sheila Milioto

- Best Buddies and Jr. Life Skills Program sent thank you to PTO for the Wii System
- Mrs. Sticklor's Kindergarten class made a huge thank you poster for the Cultural Enrichment program, Food Play.
- Staff Raffle – Bonnie Cook was the winner of the \$25.00 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Staff membership is very disappointing. For MRE with 87 staff, 24 are members (28%) and for LBM with 48 staff, only 4 are members (8%)
- Board presented small pumpkins to volunteers for MRE Open House Night, Horseshed Fair, Family Photos, and Food Play.

X. Next Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM

XI: Adjournment 7:30 pm