



**DES PTO
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2010
2:45 PM**

The following is an account of the minutes taken at the Dunbarton PTO meeting held between 2:45 PM and 4:00 PM on October 12th, 2010.

Attendees

PRESIDENT: *Michelle Novakoski*

VICE PRESIDENT: *Shelley Westenberg*

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: *Kim Philippon*

TREASURER: *Nancy Sherman*

SARGENT CAMP FUNDS REP: *Maria Nordin (absent)*

FUNDRAISING TEAM: *Michele Speckman (absent) & Christine Pollock*

EASY MONEY: *Chanti Berube (absent)*

SECRETARY: *Annie Bullis*

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome & Sign in
- Approval of September minutes
- Treasures Report
- Principals Report

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- Membership Update
- Halloween Festivities -10/29
- Book Fair Update
- Old Home Day Update
- Harvest Moon Update
- S'mores Night – 11/19
- Staff Requests
- School Board Report

Motions Voted On & Approved

1. Motion was made by Shelley Westenberg to approve the September Minutes with addendum. Seconded by Heather Radl.
2. Motion was made by Heather Radl to approve the September Treasurer's report. Seconded by Kim Philippon.
3. Motion was made by Kim Philippon to use the \$60.25 left over from the Scholastic book fair, to go towards books for the library. Seconded by Christine Pollock.
4. Motion was made by Shelley Westenberg to coordinate with Alexis Wallace LCMHC on a 1x evening presentation about Effective Parenting. Seconded by Kim Belanger.

Motions Denied or Benched

DENIED: None

BENCHED: None

Topics of Discussion

Approval of September Minutes

Correction to the draft September 8th 2010 PTO minutes as follows:

On page 6, the sixth paragraph from the top states *“The Harvest Moon Supper is in need of a Volunteer Coordinator this year. Heather Mann has offered to Coordinate and the PTO is looking for a co-coordinator to assist Heather.”*

Heather Mann should be Hannah Mann.

Principals Report

Mrs. Thibaudeau reports NECAP testing was last week and is going on this week for grades 3 – 6. The school has been working very hard on improving upon last year's reading levels.

Melissa Romein will be attending future PTO meetings in the evening. Ms. Romein will also be the delegate for the PTO Volunteer Breakfast next week with Lara Routhier.

Teachers participated in a workshop pertaining to Responsive Classroom. They are using this training to communicate with students about respect and responsible behaviors.

The new stage has been delivered and will be introduced during the Student Spotlight.

The traditional December concert may be moved to February to allow more practice time for the students.

The Gym roof continues to leak.

The Enrichment program started last week. “Tiger” was a program about bullying.

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Progress reports are going out on Friday October 15th.

This week is National School Lunch week. Next week is National Bus Safety Week.

Solar Panels are being installed on the Kindergarten roof in November. This is funded by a grant from the town.

Membership Update

PTO Membership is currently at 83 Families and 16 Staff Members.

Halloween Festivities 10/29

The Halloween Party will be held on Friday 10/29 starting at 1:30 pm. A parade will begin the festivities, followed by a party in the Community Center.

Book Fair Update

The Scholastic Book fair was held September 15 to the 24th. A total of \$3280.82 was made, with \$820.21 of it cash, and \$340 in Scholastic dollars. There was discussion on whether to carry over the \$60.25 left over or give it to the library for books. It was motioned and accepted to give that money for books to the library this year.

Old Home Day Update

The PTO Table at Old Home Day made \$409.80. Despite the cotton candy machine breaking down earlier in the day, it was still a successful day.

Harvest Moon Update

Hannah Mann reports that about 20 people have signed up to volunteer with the Harvest Moon Supper. Donations of food, flowers and center pieces are all set.

A volunteer is still needed to run the kids' activity during the supper.

The Goffstown String Orchestra will be playing as well.

A meeting for all volunteers will be held October 18th at 7:00 PM.

S'mores Night – 11/19

The PTO will sponsor a S'mores night on Friday 11/19. There will be a camp fire and hay rides. S'more packs will be handed out to the families.

Staff Requests

Ginny Hast RN had submitted a request to the PTO for Defibrillator pads. This was a non-vote issued since it was under the required amount for a vote. A request was made to the PTO for money to replace table and chairs in the library. It was agreed that the PTO will redirect this request to Mrs. Thibaudeau to bring to the school board.

School Board Update

Michelle Novakoski attended the September School Board meeting and gave a report on this. See school board minutes for details.

Other Business

Alexis Wallace spoke to the group regarding conducting a parenting workshop entitled *Parenting Children for a Challenging World*. Ms. Wallace is a Certified Family Therapist who works in Bedford and resides in Goffstown. She is active in the Dunbarton Congregational Church. She would like to volunteer her time at the school by providing an Effective Parenting workshop. Ms. Wallace shared her background and expertise with the group. There was a favorable interest in the workshop. Shelley Westenberg will coordinate with Ms. Wallace and investigate a one-time evening presentation on effective parenting.

The roller skating party was a huge success. However, there was concern about the number of older kids who attended and next time the notices will clearly state only kids K-3 and 4-6 may attend.

The March 8th 2011 PTO meeting will need to be rescheduled. This is Town Meeting day and therefore there is no school this day. Date TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

NEXT PTO MEETING will be held Wednesday, November 10th at 6:45 PM.

****Please note these meeting minutes haven't been officially approved yet****