

## VCES PTC Meeting Notes – 2/6/09

### Attendees

#### Parents:

Megan Bishop  
Bev Bruer  
Pamela Kerwin  
Tony Nosack  
Christine Piggott  
Martha Tait  
Sheryl Schultheis  
Julie Whitcraft

#### Teachers:

Carla Adler  
Eric Holstrom

#### Principal:

Susan Friesen

#### PTC Officers and Representatives

*Pres.: Christine Piggot*  
*Vice Pres.: Analizza Lambino*  
*Sec.: Tony Nosack*  
*Treas.: Julie Whitcraft*  
*Assist. Treas.: Christine Elmgren*  
*Kinder. Rep.: Theresa Ravelo*  
*1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Gr. Rep.: Marti Tait*  
*3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Rep.: Meg Bishop*  
*5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Rep.: Srinand Venkatesan & Viji Krishnaprasad*

### Notes:

- Meeting started at 6:34 p.m.
- Opening Prayer – Christine Piggott
- Principal's Update – Susan Friesen
  - Open house
    - Open house attendance is very encouraging. It was equal or better than last years.
    - Currently at 138 apps. 83 for Kinder - 14 applications each for 1st and 6th
    - Fewest applications in 1st grade which is where we have openings.
  - Curriculum Mapping
    - Language Arts is up for an in-depth study. The result of the study is to typically adopt a new text book series. LA series are especially costly because it entails so many components.
  - The special appeal for Auction this year is Financial Aid.
  - School Board
    - Plan is to open up meetings for public attendance.
    - There is discussion about updating the campus strategic plan.
    - The last plan was updated about 4 years ago.
    - Susan - to look into providing copies of the last strategic plan to the PTC.
- Finance Update – Julie Whircraft
  - Total revenue - \$1410
  - Jog-a-thon revenue is near \$37k
  - Wrapping Paper: there were several checks returned NSF which results in \$400 shortage
    - In the future we could try to cash them faster to possibly reduce the likelihood of recurrence.
- Scrip – Sheryl Schultheis
  - Using credit cards for scrip- There are costs associated with credit cards, about 1.5% of total transaction. Generally, people are willing to pay with a check in lieu of a credit card.
  - Dennis scrip can be sold if it is purchased In \$1,000 increments. The return is 6%.
  - The decision was tabled to allow Sheryl and Julie to discuss the details and make a recommendation next month.
  - Open Scrip Sales -

- will begin April 3rd in hot lunch room. Starbucks, Dennis, and grocery, stores will be available in the mornings.
- Last day of the week will have Starbucks cards available in the pickup line, also April 2nd and 3rd (prior to dismissal).
- Defer decision- May also do open sales on March 5th for conferences.
- Art Literacy - Pam Kerwin and Bev Bruer
  - Program is designed to introduce children to more complex art as a compliment to what is done in the classroom.
  - This year is a fresco painting by each student. The work will be done laying on their back like Michelangelo.
  - The proposal is to purchase items to support a broader variety of art projects (like drying shelves, tools, sculpting supplies).
    - The plan is to also apply for grants in the summer
  - Last year the whole program ran on about a \$700 budget.
- Family Mass & Banquet Wrap Up – Marty Tait
  - Feedback indicates that all was good- food, entertainment, mass, etc.
  - Observations
    - With current budget restrictions check into making the food in house for next year.
  - There were significantly fewer people. Possibly economy.
- Father Daughter Dance – Meg Bishop
  - Photographer cost is \$225 to come plus need to have \$625 in sales
  - Fliers went out in Friday folder, along with RSVP. New price is \$22 instead of \$20.
  - Plan to turn in checks within 3 weeks
- McMenamin Dining Out Status – Christine Piggott
  - New process in place. A letter needs to go be sent to the Donation Department to request the evening.
  - Christine - To write a letter requesting the donation letter.
- Old Business (not addressed)
  - Charge for PTC Events in lieu of wrapping paper
    - Haunted House
    - Family Picnic
- Meeting concluded 8:35 p.m.