

## November 16, 2010 PTO Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Board members present were President Lisa Hansing, Co-Vice-President Ruth DeBellis, Treasurer Dave Blask, and Secretary Patti Mirsberger. Also attending were Country Dale Principal Larry Madsen, Lynn Kucharski, Aimee Schlueter, Beth Castleman, Beth Riley, Ali Hoffman, Ann Gardner, and Prashant Gupta.

Treasurer Dave Blask provided updated PTO Income and Expense reports for all in attendance.

The meeting continued with Mr. Madsen's Principal report:

- ∞ There have been a lot of substitute teachers lately because teachers are doing their Foss Science curriculum training
- ∞ Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> is picture retake day
- ∞ Family Olympics is coming up on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ∞ Due to Thanksgiving recess, there is no school on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>
- ∞ Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Country Dale Winter concert
- ∞ There will be a Giving Tree at the Winter concert
- ∞ The food drive sponsored by Student Council begins December 13
- ∞ The November 2nd Knowledge-A-Thon received pledges totaling approximately \$5100. SmartBoards and accessories are about \$1966 each so Country Dale could purchase 2 more with the K-A-T money
- ∞ Mark Cloutier, Manager of Buildings and Grounds, will look into the cost of adding another baseball field at Country Dale
- ∞ WKCE testing should be done by Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>
- ∞ ESL kids start Access testing in December
- ∞ MAPS retesting will begin in January

We had an open discussion regarding the Winter Concert. We would like to address the seating and viewing issues. Possibly relocate the concert to a school with a stage; possibly videotape the concert and have live feedback on a large screen. Also discussed was where best to locate the parents who wish to videotape. We could set up a stage in the back of the room and instruct parents to set up their videotaping equipment there so as not to interfere.

Trunk-or-treat was a success. Lynn Kucharski's children wrote thank-you notes to businesses that made donations: Awe's and Crossroads. We discussed shortening the time of the event from its current 2 hours to only 1 ½ hours. We need to stress that this is a family event, not a drop-off. Also need to mention that children should only make one visit per trunk.

How To Train Your Dragon will be shown on Movie Night, Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the gym and multi-purpose room. Popcorn, soda, and water will be available for purchase. Beth Castleman's Boy Scout troop will be responsible for recycling cans and bottles.

Aimee Schlueter has the Scrip list ready to go out in this week's Friday folders. Country Dale staff are being asked to provide their wish lists.

There was a brief discussion about the upcoming February 11th Science Night and the March 11th Spring Carnival. Committees are forming to help run both of these great events.

PTO Board positions of President and Secretary will be available in the 2011-2012 school year. Current board members were reminded to make a list of the responsibilities of their positions and give an estimate of how much time they devote to those positions.

Beth Castleman reported that she has collected 3529 Campbell's Soup Label points and will submit another 1514 points.

President Lisa Hansing called for a discussion regarding next year's fundraisers because if we choose another catalog sale we need to set that up now. Ali Hoffman presented information on a Fun Run. Students would collect pledges for each lap they could run. The Run would take place during a school day with about 20 minutes allowed for each grade level to complete their laps. A similar Fun Run held in another school district was very successful at raising money. We could try this out either this Spring or next Fall. Ruth DeBellis presented a 'Seeds to Grow' catalog fundraiser. Ultimately it was decided that any Fall catalog sale fundraiser will be replaced with a Fun Run.

Dave Blask will discontinue doing the Hoops for Hearts fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Per discussion we felt that parents are getting too many requests for money.

Lisa Hansing will look into having a Scholastic Book Fair. Because Country Dale no longer has a full-time librarian to run the Fair, this program could be run by the PTO. Lisa will contact Jill Polglaze to get information about past Book Fairs. Possibly use Room 7 for the Fair so as not to disrupt library services.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.