

PTO Minutes April 14, 2009

A **Smart Board Demonstration** was given by Mrs. Little, 5th grade teacher. She showed us examples of how the children use the smart boards for a variety of different subjects and various tools that the Smart Board has.

Building Update: Christa Dinapoli asked for feedback re: the possible merger with Shawsheen School for the feasibility study. There will be a meeting on April 15th to get feedback from the community as to what their thoughts are on this.

Health Update: Rita Casper, Director of Nursing spoke about current and future Health Dep. Issues. The 1st is that next year it will be mandated to report body mass index on 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th graders in the school system. Special consideration will be given if there are instances where a child should not be tested. Nationally, about 20 % of the child population is considered obese. In Andover, we are at about 23-24% which is right in line with the National level.

There was also a discussion on the reoccurring lice problems in the schools. Rita reiterated the protocol for treatment of head lice and she is available for any questions re: incidences of head lice.

Principal Francine Goldstein designated the 1st spot right past the entrance to where the buses enter to be used for 15 minute parking between 8:15 and 2:15. There should be no parking in the horseshoe driveway during school time. The official time to be able to park in the horseshoe driveway is 3:30 or after the last bus leaves. Parents are also reminded to be respectful at drop-off and pick-up times with your children especially of others in line trying to get their children to school on time.

Francine also asked for volunteers to serve on the student improvement council. There will be 2 veteran parents on the council as well as 2 new parents and the same with the teachers. The main purpose is to draw a school improvement plan, might talk about budget and help implement what is in the school improvement plan.

Treasurer Denise Wall reviewed the proposed budget for the 09-10 school year. There will be some items on the budget that have to be cut for now by 20%.

President Karen Marotta spoke about the open chair positions for the coming school year with emphasis being put on Co-Presidents and a Vice president for the PTO. Other positions are slowly being filled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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