

## PTO Meeting Notes

January 19, 2010

In attendance: Principal Goldstein, Cindy Hanlon, Lauren King, Denise Wall, Sheila Serrao, Linda Finlayson, Karen Vigurs-Stack, Maureen O'Brien, Kim Racca, Clare Stahley, Christa DiNapoli, Jodi Remming, Michelle O'Connor, Jeannie Sullivan, Heidi Borenstein

Guests: Bill Fahey, Glenn Wilson

### 1. Andover Youth Services (AYS) Raise the Roof Telethon Feb 4/5

Started in '94. In the business of Youth Development. Reviewed successful summer programs called Gold Rush. Please spread word about Collins Center telethon... February 4 & 5, 6 – 9 p.m., performing acts welcomed.

### 2. Approval of Minutes- all in favor

### 3. Treasurers Update given by Denise.

Discussion on money allocation from Math Bug. Questions about school wide Math program and classroom Science books. Mrs. Goldstein to ask again for teacher preferences.

### 4. New Building

Christa shared the link to the building plans that show 8 footprint options. Discussions will begin in earnest to eliminate options during the next 2 Wednesday morning meetings. Learn more at the Coffee on Thursday AM hosted by Kathy and Sheila.

### 5. Drop off procedures

General feeling that it works better in afternoon than morning because teachers are there. Mrs. Goldstein will remind Assistants working in the AM of their responsibilities. Add parent reminder to Listserv. More budget allocation for cone enhancement. All but two in favor.

### 6. Haiti Drive

Ms. Goldstein will talk to Student Council about getting the word out for a country in need. Lively discussion that we need to do more community outreach, like we did for Tsunami and Lawrence Fires. That this is not as sensitive an issue as 9/11. Kim will send letter to families to Francine for approval.

### 7. Things Pending

- One More Story Please: cost cutting ideas- maybe copy in library or one in each grade vs. each class. Discussion about more writing opportunities for kids. Even willing to coordinate parent volunteers to come in to classrooms.

- Math Bug (discussion continued): PTO feels strongly about funding programs, but will give Francine the opportunity to speak with her staff and formulate some ideas. The general feeling is that the PTO wants to be involved in the process and would like to see the money used for a math opportunity.

Family Bingo- January 27

DISH- January 27

9. Smart Boards-Doherty PAC is speaking about Smart Boards as well. One idea school PTO liaisons to meet with Ray Tode and look at where we are coming from a technology perspective. Could the town wide PTO meet together concerning a technology goal? We need to hear from the town. Questions arose whether we are just pushing this onto the teachers.

10. Nomination Committee- trying to find out what positions are open and fill in. Grade level reps will be asked if they could serve on the committee as well. Other people on the committee: Jen Bentley, Christ DiNapoli, Claire Stahley, and Michelle O'Connor

Meeting adjourned at 11am.