

## **Champlain PTO Meeting -May 24, 2011**

### **Present:**

Principal: Leslie Colomb

Staff/Teachers, Parents and Community Members: Leslyn Hall, Bridget Thomas, Mary Riley, Paul Hochanadel, Nina Chill, Laura Gibson

### **Proceedings:**

After introductions were given, the minutes from the last meeting were approved.

The events of the past few weeks in May were summarized as follows:

Teacher Appreciation lunch-Thanks to Lisa L. for her detailed instructions on preparations for the luncheon. These instructions, as well as the volunteers who made and brought food in, helped make this a very successful event.

Flower Power-Thus fundraiser earned \$1,253.50.

Book fair-Sales were just over \$4,000. All profits will be donated to the library fund.

Fun Run;this event earned \$802.00

Way to go Week-despite the rain, over 100 kids walked, covering a total of 455 miles over the course of the week.

Upcoming events in June:

-Library Fund: Postcards will be sent home with kids, as well as to local businesses, detailing how underfunded the Library is, and requesting donations. All donations are tax-deductible. All donations will go towards purchasing books, and nothing else.

Multi-Cultural Dinner-: This will be Thursday, June 2, from 5:30-7:30 pm. Al Dworshak is coordinating this event; he is looking for help with set-up and food. This will also be a fundraiser for Local Motion to help raise funds for the repair of the bike path, which was damaged due to flooding.

Car Seat Inspection: This will be June 4 and will also be accompanied by a bake sale to raise funds for the Library Fund. Dawn Bates is organizing the inspection.

Looking ahead to next year:

Many officer positions will be unoccupied. How can the current PTO attract new officers and committee members? There was a discussion about ways to attract parents to become more involved, which included the following suggestions: having an attraction such as a speaker at the meetings, having class parents get information to kindergarden parents as soon as school starts, providing more information to parents where exactly the funds are being spent, how much events cost, and how much us needed to keep things running smoothly. Possibly we could have a Facebook site? Also, a welcome call to new parents would be helpful. Bridget plans to get information from new parents as well as to update the Champlain Guide as soon as school starts.

School Board Update by Paul Hochanadel, the Ward 5 representative to the school board. Amy Werbel, the other Ward 5 representative, is resigning from the board; consequently there will be a mid-term election. An item the board will be discussing and reviewing is the school boundary policy, and how the criteria of school placement are to be applied. Another item they will be reviewing is teachers contracts.

The next PTO meeting will be Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 am. at Champlain Elementary School.