

Champlain PTO Meeting  
PTO Work Session  
June 18th, 2008  
Host: Jessica Nordhaus

#### I. Introductions and Agenda Review

Jessica welcomed everyone and asked for folks to introduce themselves.

Question about PTO's influence in school issues – e.g. Communication between parents and teachers with emails, websites, etc.

We talked about having the teachers become more involved in the PTO.

We have volunteered to host the first Council Meeting at our school.

#### II. Meetings Structure for 2008-2009

a. Working Meetings Change it to second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

We would like to accommodate the teachers' schedule a few times in the year to facilitate their involvement. Kristen acknowledged that the babysitting and dinner helped families attend.

b. Parent Enrichment meetings. This would be scheduled in addition to working meetings. Ideas are: Parent education, Dr. Frankowski, internet safety talk from the Police Department.

#### III. Input

1. Switching to Ambient Photography?

2. Communication between parents and teachers with technology (i.e. emails). The benefits of a website to help parents become aware of what is going on in the classroom. Dawn talked about how the district is trying to get the high school to set up websites. Perhaps a sub-committee could be set up to help facilitate progress in this area. We need someone to spearhead this issue to form a committee.

#### IV. Events Overview

Let's add a welcome for Leslie?

Open house will take place the day before school for all ages.

27th is the Welcome Breakfast – let's make this our welcome for Leslie. Banner? Sunflowers?

Let's get a letter in the placement letter to advertise the Welcome Dinner.

a. Apple Fest – Gwen offered to help make this event more "appley", harvesting. We need Renee Allen and someone to replace Suzanne Stimic for this event. We raised \$4,000. Vivian volunteered to coordinate activity volunteers. Sarah Kloninsky volunteered to help with kids' crafts.

b. Safe Routes to School –Leslyn Hall volunteered to do some surveys with staff. Kiernan Flynn is the one who will spearhead this committee.

c. Book Fair – Sharon McConnell needs a person to help with this event.

d. Family Dance

e. Musical

f. Multicultural Dinner – Chris Allen

g. Teacher Appreciation – Melissa McConnell

h. Family Cookout – staff

i. Schoolyard Habitat

j. Welcome Breakfast – pot luck with sunflowers to welcome new families and our new principal. Events and fundraising will be posted at that time.

\*\*\*\*\*We need someone to take over the directory and the newsletter. These are two positions that were filled by parents who have taken other positions with the PTO\*\*\*\*\*

#### Budget Overview

Karen presented her version of the budget overview. Karen will create budget for next year and will present this in our August meeting. We would like this to be posted so parents can see where the money is spent.

#### Fundraising

Jenny talked about ideas for 2008-2009 – Mums, Vt. Coffee Club (on-going fundraiser). We missed the I-89 bake sale!! Oh no – any ideas? Church Street bake sale, Flat Bread, Spring Fun Run 2 km/5km, Tag Sale, Used Book Sale.

Box Tops – perhaps have kids collect 100 box tops for the 100 days of school. Remember – keep 10 to a sheet for counting purposes.

We'll meet on August 20th.

Deadlines: by next Wednesday, June 25th we need to have our dates to the district.

By the end of July we need a directory form for the first day packet.

Insert for the placement letter for welcome breakfast and an invite to join the email parent list.

#### Action Items

#### Attendance

Chris Allen  
Sharon McConnell  
Melissa McConnell  
Dristin Devoe-Talluto  
Karen Flynn  
Jenny Breckenridge  
Karen Hunt  
Leslyn Hall  
Jacques Bailly  
Russell Beste  
Vivian Esparza  
Valerie Wood-Lewis  
Dawn Moscovitz  
Gwen Causer  
Leslie Noble  
Sarah Klionsky  
Jessica Nordhaus  
Parm Padgett