

Champlain PTO Meeting -October 19, 2010

Present:

Principal: Leslie Colomb

Staff/Teachers, Parents, and Community Members: Leslyn Hall, Bridget Thomas, Mary Riley, Jim Devoe-Talluto, Patrick Halladay, Jennifer Harris, Lisa Lillibridge, Matt Hadjun

Proceedings:

Leslyn reported that in order to change the organization's by-laws, adequate notice of change must be given and then the changes are subject to a vote twice. This meeting was the first voting on the changes, which were approved. The next PTO meeting will be when the second voting occurs.

Financials were reviewed by Jim Devoe-Talluto. The totals from Applefest were given, with the Silent Auction raising almost \$5,000 thus far. The Silent Auction is the largest fundraiser of the year. The Fundraising efforts continue to be a year in advance; that is, all fundraising done in the current year will apply to next year's budget.

Fundraising: Heather Ballou has agreed to be the Fundraising Coordinator. Thanks to Heather! She presented a fundraising idea for flower bulbs. Since the fall is wrapping up, we could try this idea in the winter for spring bulbs.

The bookfair will be the week after Thanksgiving. Literacy Day will be the same week. Teachers will still have wish lists, but the children will not. They will have the opportunity to view the books but won't have scheduled class times as in the past. There will be a Pizza Sale the Wednesday of the bookfair.

Pizza Fundraising: So far, the first Pizza fundraiser has raised \$240.

Champlain Directory: This is still being put together. Bridget will contact the class parents for missing names. Additional parental help is needed.

Handouts and Information for families with 2 homes and 2 sets of parents: To try to accommodate families, Lisa L. will attach the school newsletter with the PTO e-mail each week so that families can view this online in addition to receiving a copy to take home.

Daisy's: This troop is still looking for another parent leader. Contact Leslyn if interested.

Gwen Causer: Thanks go to her for organizing the cleanup day.

Community Garden: Kathryn Montstream is handling the cleanup coordination for this.

Lost & Found: Chaska is looking for a parent to organize the lost & found.

Katherine Montstream & Al Dwoshack are organizing the Haunted Forest again this year. Volunteers are needed for this fun event.

Mlni-Grant Committee: Jim Devoe-Talluto, Treasurer, will be on this committee. Two parents volunteered: Patrick and Lisa L. Matt will ask teachers to volunteer as well to balance out the committee.

Fundraising: Jennifer brought up an interesting program whereby parents purchase gift cards through a

specific grant, Champlain Elementary School receives the funds/points from this. She will investigate this. Heather took other fundraising ideas to pursue.

Patrick H. has been the CES representative for the Afterschool Program. Contact him with questions.

The next PtO meeting will be Tuesday, November 16 at 7:30 a.m. at Champlain Elementary School.

