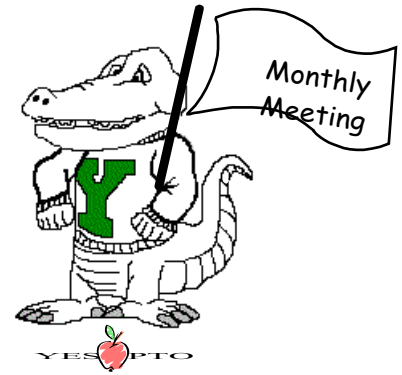


Yalesville Elementary School PTO

Meeting Agenda



Date	March 12, 2008
Time	7:00 p.m.
Location	Y.E.S. Media Center
Meeting Type	General Monthly Meeting
Attendees	Deb Beaudoin, Kathleen King, Lorinda Weaver, Kim Corless, Beth Raccio, Sally Fazzino, Liz Penczynzyn, Michele Genest, Marlene Thorp, Donna Button, Donna Rackie, Lisa Marks, Sara Gormley, Tracy Tyrrell, June Lange, Sarah Lindberg, Meredith Koch, Carol Mikulski
Recorded by	Beth Raccio

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Executive Committee Reports

- President's Report (Kathleen King)
 - Forms for the 2008 - 2009 PTO Executive Board nominations have gone home. Anyone interested in becoming a PTO officer should submit the form to the PTO school mail box or send an e-mail to the PTO e-mail box. Deadline is April 11th.
 - 2008 - 2009 Committee Chair positions will be circulated in the May - June timeframe.
 - The PTO received a request from Adria Buonocore, a Lyman Hall student who attended Yalesville. She requested a donation for C.R.E.W., which is a group made of up Sheehan and LHHS students that will be traveling to New Orleans in April to help rebuild with Habitat for Humanity. The PTO approved a donation of \$250 to be taken from the "charitable donations" budget category.
- Principal's Report (Carol Mikulski)
 - The district wide calendar is being finalized for next year. The PTO decided that meetings next year would follow the same schedule as this year... 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

- A new rack has been added in the office for PTO news and information. Carol requested that extra copies of any information we produce be left in this area.
- Carol had a proposal for new security visitor's passes, which are made by June Lange's daughter. The board agreed to discuss this at the next executive meeting.
- An alternate test will be made available next year for CMTs. Special Ed. Teachers are making a list of students who might need to use this. The decision will be made at individual PPTs.
- An Art & Music show will be held on Friday April 4th from 5 - 8 p.m. Sara Gormley has been collecting artwork and all children will be included. There will be a choral and instrumental performance. Sara asked for help hanging the artwork... volunteers are needed on that Friday after 12:30. Lorinda volunteered to help. Kathleen King volunteered to coordinate PTO bakers to provide refreshments. Beth asked that Sara send e-mail to the PTO box requesting help and we will blast it.
- Carol announced that she will be retiring on Dec 31, 2008. A new principal will be in place before she leaves. She also announced that Diane Kimball and Vicky Gerace will be retiring in June.
- Beth Devaney's son Robbie was born on January 24th. She will be returning to work on March 24th. The PTO received a thank you note for the Kohl's gift certificate.
- Vice Presidents' Report (Kim Corless & Deb Beaudoin)
 - No report
- Treasurers' Report (Lorinda Weaver)
 - Lorinda distributed and reviewed the February and March Treasures' report. Meredith Koch asked about her recent deposit for YES gear. Lorinda confirmed that a deposit went in on Friday which included approx. \$6k for popcorn, YES gear, and Enrichment.
 - Lorinda reviewed the reimbursement procedures. Money can only be spent that is approved in the budget. Any other requests must be approved prior to spending so that PTO members can vote on what funds will be spent. PTO funds should be used to benefit the majority of students, not a small minority.

- Audit status - Donna Rackie, Lisa Marks, and Donna Button performed an audit prior to the monthly meeting. They reviewed every third transaction and found that everything was in order.
- Secretary's Report (Beth Raccio)
 - The minutes from the 1/9 meeting were approved.
- Teacher Representative's Report (Michele Genest)
 - No report

Committee Reports

- Nature's classroom (Deb Beaudoin)
 - Deb emphasized that this is not school sponsored or PTO sponsored.
- Field Day (Kathleen King)
 - Kathleen reported that we are using T It Up for our field day t-shirts.
- Family Events (Kathleen King on behalf of Mary Sperazza)
 - Kathleen reported that the Rock Cats event May 3rd will be a boys event because plans were not finalized for a boys movie night.
- YES Gear fundraiser (Meredith Koch)
 - Meredith reported that the fundraiser made about \$600. She will be placing another order. Orders are due next Thursday. Meredith asked Beth to update the website.
 - It was suggested that the PTO should consider selling this type of merchandise at open house and the book fair.
- Cultural Events (Meredith Koch)
 - Dennis Waring performed on March 4th - "Trash to Tunes." The kids loved it!
 - The next event is Carnival Trio, which is a Jamaican performance. The date is an issue - Meredith will look at April 7th. This is not co-sponsored by the CT Tourism dept.
 - Brian Engel is scheduled to perform the Glass Harp on May 7th at 9, 10, 11, and 1. This is also not included in the CDT grant.
 - Grant status - Meredith requested \$800ish; \$343 dollars was awarded.

- Next year Meredith would like to have Holly Rock back for a game show. Possibly combine with Field Day. If there is unspent money in the Cultural Events budget category Meredith said she would like to place a deposit for next year.
- Yearbook Committee (Beth Raccio on behalf of Deb Kern & Meredith Hutchinson)
 - A new page has been added: "Look how far they've come" for 5th graders, showing a current picture and a kindergarten picture... does not have to be school related. Photos must be submitted by March 20th.
 - The committee is looking for pictures of Cultural events. Photos must be submitted by April 1st.
 - The deadline for the book has been extended so that they can include pictures from the Variety show.
- Variety Show (Liz Penczynzyn)
 - Liz reported that 33 acts have signed up. There are some expenses since the event is at Sheehan. Carol will follow-up with Mr. Wilson to find out if these expenses are required for an elementary school. The dress rehearsal location has been moved from Sheehan to Yalesville because the high school is no longer available. Advanced ticket sales will be available to the families of performers, and then sales will be opened to the YES community.
- Enrichment (Lorinda Weaver)
 - Lorinda reported that 33 students are participating in the after school tuition. Michele Genest and June Lange will serve as administrators for the program, 1 day each per week. The administrator position is funded in part by a PTO contribution of \$235, added to the \$165 which was collected from tuitions.
- Reading Program
 - Many people reported that the reading program was a big success! 481 students participated by submitting book review. 20 classes had 100% participation. STEP teacher Julie R. and the STEP kids are going through the book reviews, and creating a rubric to evaluate the reviews and fine tune them a little. They will figure out ways to best publish them... e.g. record journal. Timeline is flexible.

- The PTO expressed thanks to Angela Buccheri and Kristina Kiely for all of their hard work and for their willingness to include parent feedback when creating the program.
- Sunshine Committee (Kathleen King on behalf of Mary Naccarato)
 - WEF basket donation - Mary will put together a \$100 basket with a Garden Theme, to be raffled on April 4th
 - Paraprofessional day - the PTO wants to recognize this day.

Miscellaneous

- Beth Raccio announced that Seussical the Musical would be performed at Moran Middle school on March 28 - 30.
- The next YES PTAC will be held on 3/20.
- Liz Penczynzyn conveyed a request that the para-professionals would like to be referred to as para-educators.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Announcements

Next meeting: April 9th, 7:00 pm, in the YES media center

Upcoming PTO Events:

- ☺ Burger King Night: March 20th (1st grade)
- ☺ T-shirt orders due - February 14th
- ☺ Popcorn Friday: March 28th
- ☺ Boys Family Event - Rock Cats game - May 3rd
- ☺ Cultural Events Program (4th & 5th grade) - Brien Engle - May 7th
- ☺ Variety Show: April 11th (Dress Rehearsal 4/10)
- ☺ 5th grade field trip to Sturbridge: May 23rd
- ☺ 5th grade outing to MountainRidge: June 9th
- ☺ Field Day: 6/13, raindate 6/16

FYI - School Budget Activities

- ✓ 2/08 - Budget request submitted to Mayor
- ✓ 3/10/08 - Budget reviewed with Mayor
- ✓ 4/1/08 - Mayor budget recommendation due to Town Council
- ✓ 4/8/08 - Budget workshop - school administration
- ✓ 4/24/08 - Budget workshop - public hearing