

PTO

Dag Hammarskjold Middle School

Wallingford Public Schools

Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2010

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Dag PTO was called to order at 7:16pm on Tuesday, September 8th, 2010 in the school's media center by PTO President, Margie Bissell.

A. Principal's Comments: Principal Cocchiola welcomed the PTO and said that the school's opening went well and that Dag's current student enrollment is 711 students.

The principal and assistant principal mentioned that Power School is the new student management system. This system will help the school contact parents more quickly and efficiently than past methods.

Principal Cocchiola and Assistant Principal Carbone said that the main web page has been updated and that they will provide training during the year to help teachers with updating their classroom web pages. Bob Nelson updates the PTO announcements and minutes on the school's web site.

Principal Cocchiola mentioned that we have a new 6th Grade Guidance Counselor, Mr. Paul Santagata.

B. Treasurer's Report: A balance of \$2,871.93 was reported.

C. Open Issues:

New board members were selected. Margie Bissell will continue as President. Ellyn Lane will be the Vice President; Michele Sandagata will be the Secretary. Treasurer is open.

D. New Business

1) Open House-September 15th: There is a need for parents to help with the PTO Membership Drive during the Open House, Wednesday, September 15th at the PTO welcome table, at intervals beginning at 6:30pm and ending at 8:00pm. Margie, Ellyn Lane, Michelle O'Connell and Jennifer Morrison volunteered to help with the membership drive. This year the PTO is having a raffle to win a yearbook to increase membership.

2) Book Fair – Week of September 13th – 16th: There was a request for volunteers to help in the library.

3) Dag Spirit Wear: Margie led a discussion about Dag Spirit Wear. Dan Sullivan of Tee It Up will provide the printing and design services for the clothing, which will be similar to spirit wear he has produced for Stevens School, Pond Hill School, and Lyman Hall High School. It was decided that the panther logo would be kept and that the school colors red and black would be used in the design. Michelle volunteered to contact Dan Sullivan and request clothing samples to show at the PTO welcome table at Open House night. We talked about having order sheets available to parents at the welcome table; Michelle offered to provide an order sheet for the spirit wear with prices.

4) Young Audiences of CT: Margie described the details of an opportunity for a parent and a teacher to view a summary of theatre acts, of which we can select a presenter for an enrichment event at Dag to be scheduled for this year (like Improv/Chariots of Fire – 6th Grade). The time commitment for volunteers would be a full day on Friday, September 24th.

5) Request for donation: A request from Mrs. Redmann was made asking the PTO to contribute to the fee for the speaker for the 8th Grade Career Day this year. The fee of \$995, of which the PTO would donate \$650, would be for a key note speech to the entire school. The request was approved.

6) Fundraising: Fundraising ideas were discussed; possibilities include a fundraising night at a local pizza restaurant, a Dag bowling night that the PTO could sponsor or assist with, registering the school at local supermarkets for their educational rewards programs. Ellyn offered to register the school with Stop and Shop in Wallingford, and we are investigating rewards programs at the new Shop Rite.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm by Margie Bissell. The next general meeting will be at 7:00pm on November 3 in Dag's media center.

Minutes submitted by:

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