

PTA Meeting Minutes ~ September 13, 2012

Present: Elizabeth Schwartz, Connie Gaylord, Christine Sullivan, Jen Stella. Kaiya Korb, Bear Simmons, Sharon Dube

Elizabeth: (brought homemade scones) – was looking at notes from PTA from 2006 – we used to do a whole lot – Mayfair, Halloween party, and just wanted to put it out there through friends and others that if there are things you feel we should put more attention toward, please let us know. Ski and Skate sale is a massive project but if there is something that you wish to see PTA to do (we used to do cider pressing and sell it at Framer’s Market) but it takes people and that is the hardest thing with PTA, finding volunteers to help.

PTA 2012-2013 Master calendar

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ski and Skate Sale (for more information please visit these links: WES website and ski and skate blog)	Sat and Sun, November 10, 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5th and 6th Grade Musical (need someone to help connect with Scott and manage the bake sale, KK to try to find someone)	Fri and Sat, November 16, 17
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Sale	Week of March 18, 2013 (volunteer needed to co-chair)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher Appreciation Lunch (need someone to coordinate)	Tuesday, May 8, 2013 is teacher appreciation day – actually date to be confirmed

Safe Routes to School

WES will “reactivate” the safe routes to school program, in order to be eligible for federal infrastructure funds (sidewalks, etc). A challenge week to encourage children to bike, walk or bus will occur the week of October 3rd (also international bike and walk to school week and NECAPS); KK will kick off the assembly week before and to integrate physical movement in the morning before school begins. Looking at how to blend that into the day on a regular basis.

School Garden

Garden: Huge thanks to Sally Kendall for organizing the garden crew! Elizabeth summarized that the student intern program was a wonderful way to get to know some children, and it was super fun over the summer in caring for the garden. Sally Kendall has volunteered to manage the garden program next year. She suggested

that everyone child gets a demo on how to use the weeding equipment; also if we have one or two sessions with adults it would be helpful. We lost the beets and onions due to weeds. We might consider budgeting several hours for a professional crew to come in and help keep things to a certain quality level.

Backpack Program

Last year we started a program where some of our students go home on Friday with food in their backpacks that comes from the VT Food Bank. Rotary and Mad River Valley Community Fund gave us money last year. Rotary is again sponsoring this year. Paperwork is already handled but we are looking for a volunteer to pack the backpacks on Fridays or even Wednesday after school.

NECAP

PTA sponsors snacks during the week of NECAP each year (week of October 3, 2012); budget \$250. PTA has an account at Mehuron's. Need a volunteer to do the shopping and organizing into 6 (14 kids each) bags for each classroom. Snacks for a total of 4 days. Jen Stella volunteered to shop and deliver to school.

Ski and Skate Sale

Bear Simmons in charge of Ski and Skate coordination; Amy Jamieson is volunteer team leader for coordinating volunteers, and Jen Stella is the volunteer coordinator deputy. Deb Loomis will be in charge of the cash room and will interface with Judy Gross. Buny Downing will (hopefully!) be in charge of food. Audrey Huffman will (hopefully!) help with advertising; Eva Frankel will (hopefully!) be in charge of PR.

Bear is looking for a Deputy to take on signage, which includes poster distribution and campaign sign distribution. We generally have people that travel throughout the state every year but need to touch base with those people. Sunday or Monday before the sale, the campaign signs go up and they have to come down Sunday or Monday after the sale.

Student Directory and Playbill

Note: we are currently selling advertisements for both the playbill and the directory.

If you wish to purchase ad space, please contact Elizabeth Schwarz at <mailto:reachelizabethnow@hotmail.com>.

Sharon Dube has handed over her files for who is in the playbill and who is in the directory in terms of advertisers. Christine Sullivan made a google document input form where anyone can enter information for advertisers and you can add them in. Bear is going to take photos of students and Kaiya is working on connecting with someone about the playbill's layout. Kathi is currently working with Audrey to get all staff information and Elizabeth will connect with Kathi to make sure all is going well. Elizabeth will connect with Nora about the artwork. The one big change is that Healthy Living has committed to the inside back cover.