

Waitsfield Elementary School PTA Meeting

Minutes, 9/8/2011

In Attendance: Helen Ward, (president), Beth Libby (vice president), Christine Sullivan (treasurer), Jennifer Stella (secretary); Sally Kendall, Susan Hans, Connie Gaylord, Michele Lepp, Krissa Hammond, Jen Soucy, Kaiya Korb, Bear Simmons, Elizabeth Schwartz, Lisa Hurwitz, Amanda Kalichstein.

Book Fair

A fall book fair may be too much to ask volunteers at this time, given our more important focus on rebuilding our community after the flood. After much discussion, a decision taken to hold the Book Fair in the spring (week of March 12-16th), to coincide with parent-teacher conferences planned for that week. Elizabeth Schwarz will be taking over Book Fair coordination from Jennifer Stella this year.

Budget

Motion: Moved to approve 2011/2012 budget. Moved: Helen. Seconded: Bear. Passed.

School Directory

The PTA is responsible for making the school directory available to parents each year. Audrey Huffman has agreed to design it for us and Sharon will help with advertising. HW and KK had spoken previously about a combined marketing effort for advertising in both the directory and the Playbill for the school play (offering a package to advertisers; Given the flood which has led to an outpouring of financial support needed in other places, we will not pursue this right now. Perhaps PTA will simply give the MRV Community Fund an ad.

Ski and Skate Sale

There will be open house on Monday 9/26 from 5-6 pm, which will be an opportunity to communicate about the ski and skate sale, which will be held the November 11-12-13 this year. It is the major and one-and-only fundraiser for the school. Last year we took in \$26,000. A discussion ensued on the idea that PTA might donate a portion of proceeds over and above the \$25,000 budget. Connie Gaylord has agreed to shadow Krissa Hammond this year and plan to take over heading up the sale in the future. Amy Jamieson will continue to be the volunteer coordinator and is also looking for a replacement for the future. Floor space is at a premium this year and some vendors may need to be turned away or put on a waiting list. Schedule: Friday – vendors set up and families drop off goods; Saturday and Sunday – sale ongoing. This year we are seeking a dedicated volunteer to oversee preregistration tags. Sue

Hans has agreed to do this. SH, BS, KH, CS and CG will get together separately to discuss further tasks.

Early Education Playground

Kaiya gave an update. \$9000 has been allocated to this early education portion of the playground. Since we are in a fluvial plain, the playground needs a special permit from the state. The DRB must make a decision on fencing and structures cannot be put in before a fence is installed, so there has been some delay due to reviews needed. Kaiya is poised to continue working with DRB and may need future help with structures.

Class Trips

Room parents will be asked to take the lead on fundraising for class trips.

Meeting was adjourned 8:55 am.

***Please join us for the next meeting,
which will be held on
Thursday, 10/6/2011
at the start of school in the library.***