



Mattituck-Cutchoque  
Elementary PTA

PTA  
General Meeting  
October 14<sup>th</sup> 2009

Attendance:

Darla Doohry  
MaryGrace Finora  
Andrea Nickerson  
Aileen Rosin

Amy Demchak  
Deb Bruer  
Amy Folk  
Liz Hudock  
Carol Marlborough  
Ignacio Lopez  
Joane Glover  
Annmarie Schuck  
Anne Smith

After a brief Welcome & introduction from Darla Doohry, the meeting began.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** \$14,978 checking account balance. \$24,769.40 in Money Market account. Issue was brought up that Money Market is currently making approx. \$4.00 per month. Request made to put the money into higher interest account or CD. Feedback on this was in favor of putting money into account with higher yield.

**PRESTIGE SALES:** Still being counted. Final amount will be available at next meeting.

**KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:** Was a success. Darla read a Thank You note sent by a teacher.

**BOX TOPS:** Last years Pizza Party incentive was very effective. PTA made \$3,000 profit. Our school can win 10,000 box tops, go to (Campbell ?) web site to find out details. Box tops have to be counted before sending in.

**YARD SALE:** There was a good turn out despite the rain. It was held inside the Cafeteria which worked out well. Chinese Auction was a big success. Mini grants will now be given using money from these funds. There is now approx.. \$4,5000 total from this year and last year to use on mini grants. Waiting for more teacher requests to come in.

One parent suggested our school get lap tops that the kids could sign out for. Mary Grace said this was a great idea, but it is a matter she should bring up at Board of Ed meeting. (Not take from minigrants)

**CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS:** Liz Hudock, coordinator, was present to explain how this works. Our school can earn free merchandise; art supplies, athletic & academic merchandise, by collecting labels. Flyer will go out in November with details.

**WINGO:** Like Bingo, might be a good way to raise money and have fun. To be held in cafeteria. Kids must be accompanied by an adult like a family fun night. Grades K-6.

**PTA MEETINGS:** Will be held in evenings except for last two: April & May, will be held in morning. This will eliminate conflict times with PTSA meetings which are scheduled on the same date.

**5th & 6th GRADE DANCE:** Waiting for approval, (possibly) held in February.

**CRAFT NIGHT;** For grades K-4. Mouse pad craft. Will need a signed permission slip, a Friday night or Saturday event, approx. 2 hrs. Will be a deadline for sign up. May have a local artist from Greenport come in and help kids do a plate? To be determined.

**REFLECTIONS:** Beauty is... theme. Patty Rochon, Chair. Due 10/26. Flyer explained various categories. Sadly, there seems to be low participation in this contest. Out of 800 students, last year only 10 participated.

Last year each kid that participated received a \$10 gift cert. for Friendly's.

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NEW ATHLETICS DIRECTOR: Administrative position was given to Greg Wormoth. He will audit current athletic curriculum and give his suggestions. He would like to put together a Wellness event with the PTA. He is looking for any parents to volunteer.

RECESS: Parent volunteers are needed for recess on a regular basis. We need a volunteer to act as Coordinator. Volunteers assist children in lower grades i.e.: open juice boxes, get a game going in playground, etc... One parent asked why she was denied access to playground during recess. Ann explained by law she would have to undergo screening and training process. A Volunteer Coordinator would not have to physically be here, just help make up schedule of times & names of volunteer parents.

PEACE GARDEN : Is in dire need of attention. Can anyone get a fund raiser or donation to cover cost of ground matting, or landscape covering. Garden currently has pea size pebbles that kids seem to like throwing. Possibly someone in the landscape field.

BOOK TALK: Looking for someone to hold a "book club" type group.

*Other comments:*

COMPUTERS: A parent asked if school was taking donations of (current) used computers. Anne suggested they contact Technology Director: Jerry Doorety.

BOOK FAIR: Carol Marlborough spoke about dates for this years fair. November 16th to 20th. And Monday 11/23 & Tuesday 11/24 during parent teacher conferences. She seemed concerned about recruiting volunteers. Mary Grace suggested she post on our web site and send a flyer home. Anne mentioned a Literacy Workshop on 20th & 21st of November, she can mention to parents at that time to see if any interested in volunteering @ Book Fair. Aileen said she could get a list of parents & phone #'s who were interested in Book Fair to her at end of meeting.

DIRTY HANDS: A parent asked if the school was doing anything to combat germs (in light of the flu season). Anne assured her that the Board of Ed was working on it. Possibly installing hand sanitizers in hallways. Discussion went on about taking action on your own for now and possibly putting a travel size sanitizer in kids lunch box and/ or backpack.

Aileen asked if Anne heard anything from Shared Decision making Team. Anne said she did receive one e-mail.

LOGO/SYMBOL: Anne asked if the students could come up with an image that reflected the schools philosophy. It might be good for the kids to get involved w/the process.

To contact PTA by e-mail: mcpta@hotmail.com -----END MEETING approx. 8:00 pm

I CAN DO THAT: Program, after meeting was adjourned, we met with Angelo Truglio to hear his proposal on presentation. It would be tailored to our time frame with parent participation. Propose date: 1/13/2012.