

**Kaneland McDole Elementary  
Parent Teacher Organization  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2008**

Attendees: Penny Zollinger, Brenda Gonzales, Laura Long, Kathy Zoppa, Sally Baldwin, Amy Talbott, Fran Eggleston, Molly Minalga, Chrissy Olma, Christy Rink, Robyn Lycan, Mark Moeller

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Laura Long

**Secretary Report:** The reading of the minutes from the September 17, 2008 meeting was waived and a copy of the minutes was provided for everyone to read. Minutes approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sally Baldwin passed out copies of the current budget. It was reported that there is \$1,539.25 in our checking account and \$21,723.79 in our savings account.

**Business:**

Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops: Cut off date for turning in labels and box tops is October 17<sup>th</sup>. The class with the most turned in will win a prize.

Culver's Night Update: Amy Talbott reported that the Culvers Nights are scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>. She will make sure that a sign up sheet gets posted in the teachers lounge next week to obtain volunteers for the November 12<sup>th</sup> date.

Daddy Daughter Dance: The date will be changed from April 18<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. The chairperson is planning a "Garden Party" theme.

Entertainment Books: Kathy Zoppa is hoping to send books out on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with a return date of November 3, 2008. Each family will have the opportunity to purchase a book that is being sent home and students may order more to sell.

Fall Fundraiser: Penny Zollinger reported that the Fundraiser ended on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Final numbers are not in yet, but it looks like we have sold somewhere around \$28,000 in products. We will be having an assembly on delivery day, November 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our success and to pass out prizes!

Family Fun Night: Family fun Night has been scheduled for Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Marguerite Ledone has scheduled a "Game/Movie Night". Beach Ball Dodge Ball will be set up in the gym and movies and popcorn will be set up in the Multipurpose Room. We are hoping for a big turnout!

Fun Lunch: Teachers reported that Fun Lunch seems to be running very smoothly and that the kids have been very excited about receiving ice cream each time. Penny Zollinger reiterated that the goal of the Fun Lunch committee this year was to try to cut down on fat and introduce fruits and vegetables as requested by the school nurse, Mrs. Brazus.

Manna: Order forms to be sent out November 21<sup>st</sup> and will be due back on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Purchased gift cards will be sent home on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Oberweiss Fundraiser: It was reported that only around a \$17.00 profit was made on the last Oberweiss Night. The next one is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are hoping for a better turn out.

School Directory: Laura Long and Brenda Gonzales reported that the School Directories should be coming back soon from the printer. There have been some difficulties with the printer this year regarding communication and pricing. They are hoping to get everything worked out within the next few weeks and get the directories distributed to McDole families very soon.

Shop and Share: Jewel Shop and Share days are scheduled for November 17, 18, and 19. Coupons will be sent home with students the week before. It will also be advertised on the website.

Spirit Week: Cheryl Wheatley, the chair of the Spirit Wear Committee, is planning on meeting soon with her committee to discuss designs. The plan is still to get orders in before Christmas.

### **Old Business:**

A thank you note was read by Laura Long from the 5 children who will be attending the Junior National Youth Leadership Conference in June for the \$500 donation from the McDole PTO.

Sally reported that Maximum Gymnastics is available for open gym on November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>. Miss Rink also suggested looking at a date such as January 3<sup>rd</sup>, during Christmas break to give everyone a few hours out! Sally will finalize the dates.

### **New Business:**

“Smencils” or scented pencils have been ordered by the PTO to be sold at various PTO events throughout the school year. The decision to try this fundraiser was based on a letter received from a McDole student, Alexis Mullins. A motion was made to give Alexis a free pencil for her wonderful suggestion! It was also suggested that we use them as a reward for the Box Top/Soup Labels competition. The plan is to sell the pencils for \$1.00 at various PTO functions. Laura Long will look into selling them at

Family Fun Night and Kathy Zoppa will check with the librarians to see if the PTO could set up a table at the Book Fair this upcoming November.

**Clothing Sale:** A suggestion was made by a parent that McDole hold a clothing sale similar to the one held at John Stewart each year. After much discussion it was decided that we would look into getting a chairperson for this event and she would be responsible to determine the feasibility of this based on the amount of volunteer help that would be needed to run this event.

Laura Long was approached by a teacher requesting that all important PTO news be sent home written in Spanish for all Spanish speaking students. After much discussion it was decided that the PTO would follow District policy with regards to sending out important information to families. Notices are currently sent out only in English as it would be extremely difficult to ensure fairness to all cultures and languages spoken within the district.

**Aurora Skate Dates:** Laura Long is looking into organizing dates for students to skate at Aurora Skate. It was decided that we would be looking at 2 dates, January 16<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup>. The rink would be available for our McDole families (along with a few other schools) and we would get a portion of the admission price at the end of the year. Skating times would be from 1-4pm.

**Room Parent Money:** Amy Talbott proposed that McDole have some type of system in place so that the room parents who organize parties for the grade levels have some opportunity for reimbursement for out of pocket expenses. After much discussion it was decided that each classroom would be given \$1.25 per student per party for the parents to submit receipts for expense reimbursement.

Meeting was adjourned by Laura Long at 8:07pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Penny Zollinger, KME PTO secretary