

**Kaneland McDole Elementary
Parent Teacher Organization
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2009**

Attendees: Penny Zollinger, Brenda Gonzales, Laura Long, Kathy Zoppa, Sally Baldwin, Maureen Kuntz, Jeni Scott, Megan Looney, Ann Marie Leziro, Tracy Maz, Cheryl Wheatley

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Laura Long

Secretary Report: The reading of the minutes from the December 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 provided copies of the current budget. It was reported that there is \$5,358.25 in our checking account and \$27,196.53 in our savings account. It was noted by Kathy Zoppa that although Target Red Card income was listed as a budget item, the check is actually sent directly to the school, not the PTO. This line item will be removed from the budget for the next fiscal year.

Business:

Culver's Night Update: A Culver's Night has tentatively been scheduled for March 12th. The issue was brought up as to whether we want to continue to do Culver's Nights or change them to some other type of fundraiser. It was decided to cancel the March Culver's night and replace it with a Wendy's Benefit Night.

Family Fun Night: The last Family Fun Night was held on January 9th. Many McDole families and students attended to watch a movie and play games in the gym. Problems were noted with keeping the supply of popcorn up as it was difficult to pop all that was needed in a timely fashion. A suggestion was made to possibly serve pretzels instead of popcorn. It would be less messy and pretzels would require no preparation. Kathy Zoppa will look into the cost of doing this.

Oberweiss Update: It was reported that the PTO received a check from Oberweiss for \$17.93 for the first benefit night and \$10.00 for the second one. It was decided that due to the cost of printing flyers it is not cost effective to continue to partner with Oberweiss for this fundraising event. The last Oberweiss Benefit Night, to be held in the spring, will be canceled.

Daddy Daughter Dance: The first committee meeting for the Daddy Daughter Dance will be held at the school on February 4, 2009. The dance will be held on May 2nd. Surplus jewelry from the Fall Fundraiser will be given to Ana to use as prizes for this event.

Old Business:

Reminder: Another reminder came from the McDole staff to make sure that all teachers (not just classroom teachers) get PTO informational flyers delivered to their mailboxes. The Board has consistently shared this request with PTO members in the past and we will continue to reiterate this to all PTO committee chairs.

Burger King Benefit Night: A Burger King Benefit Night will be held at the Burger King on Galena Blvd on February 11, 2009. A coupon must be used and MCDole will receive 20% of sales of specific menu items (i.e. Value Meals). A flyer will be sent out to all students one week before the event.

Junior National Young Leaders Conference: Cheryl Wheatley has spoken with Mr. Berger regarding the Washington trip informational video made by the McDole students who attended the Junior National Young Leaders Conference. They are in the process of completing this project and hope to have it shown on McDoleTV the first Friday in February.

New Business:

PTO Meeting Attendance: A discussion was held regarding lack of parental attendance at PTO meetings over the past several years. A suggestion was made to offer a fun type of "class" that students could participate in while their parents attended the meeting. The PTO would cover the majority of the cost of hiring someone to teach this class and the parents would be responsible for paying a small fee (\$5.00 or less) to have their children attend. Concerns were brought up regarding the cost to the PTO and to the families. Because we truly have no idea as to why parents do not attend/participate in meetings, it was unanimously agreed upon that the PTO Board would initiate a survey to find reasons why parents do not currently attend meetings. The results will be discussed at the next meeting and an action plan will then be developed.

Wendy's Benefit Nights; Cheryl Wheatley has been approached by the manager of the Wendy's on Orchard Road in North Aurora regarding their benefit nights for local schools. Wendy's currently offer benefit nights for schools on Wednesday evenings from 5-8pm. 15% of all sales (no coupon needed) would be donated to the school and each school can set up games, activities, etc within the restaurant. It was decided to schedule the first benefit night on April 15th or 22nd (in lieu of our next Culver's Night). Cheryl will check with the manager to see which date is available.

Spirit Week: Spirit Week will be held January 26th -30th. A flyer will be sent home to students explaining each day's activities.

Proposals:

A request was sent from the school psychologist, Kathleen Ronzio, for \$205.40 (plus tax and shipping) to obtain Social Emotional Materials to be used while working with the

students at McDole. An itemized list of materials requested was included with her proposal. A motion was made to approve this expenditure. All approved.

A suggestion was made to again give each student a voucher to purchase a book at the Spring Book fair with funds provided by the PTO. Each book would cost \$10.00 or less. Since this was so well received last year a motion was made to approve this expenditure. All approved.

Meeting was adjourned by Laura Long at 7:50pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Penny Zollinger, KME PTO secretary