

Minutes- November 16, 2010

Start- 7:07 pm

Welcome- Maureen Walsh welcomed everyone and thanked the people for coming.

Principal's Report- A busy season of giving thanks. Halloween Fun Night was terrific and she received glowing reports. The Book Fair was a terrific event and the teachers were thrilled to receive books as well as the library who received 40 plus books that were donated by the PTA.

Cultural Arts photos are going to be mounted on a board in our hallway for display "A Day in Clay". The Costume Capers was well received as well as the Game Show that was hosted for the children on Halloween.

Some school news- A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Allinger who is once again the head of the student council for our school. On Election day the children got to practice voting in booths and it was a very nice experience for them. The student council will meet two times a month throughout the school year for meetings and discussions on various topics. Currently, Ms. Allinger and the student council have the following going on:

UNICEF Drive

Canned Food Drive in which we would like to collect 900 cans for the People to People before Thanksgiving.

Maria Ferriah Childrens' Hospital- The students will be collecting arts and crafts, supplies such as crayons, markers, etc... as well as children's band aids for the hospital and distribute them in December.

Letters to our Veterans

Mitten Drive by the Family Resource Center

OLEWEOUS -The kick off meeting was a good meeting but not well attended, and it would have been nice to see some more people there. It was a good meeting on trouble shooting problems and specific situations, monitoring trends. The Board of Education will be supporting the Anti-Bullying Policy in our district.

Peaceful Bus Program- This is a program that we work with the bus/transportation/drivers to come in and work with staff members to have an assembly on how to have a peaceful bus to send a message to our children on how to care and respect others in our community. This program will be held this Thursday 11/18 at our school.

Literacy- Book Rally for Students to learn to love to read. This program is designed for our school to read 500 books this year. Each child will get a passport that will be stamped each time a book is read. Throughout the school we will also have suitcases posted and let the children fill up the suitcases with books as they continue to read.

Early Release will be 11am next week on November 24th.

November Education Week is November 19th at our school. The format has changed slightly this year. We will be having the children's work on display in the gym and cafeteria. Grades K-2 will be in the cafeteria and grades 3-5 will be in the gym. This year the children focused on writing pieces.

OTHER NEWS- We will have the new children who will be entering kindergarten here on November 17th

The 5th grade will be going to the West Nyack Tree lighting which is down near the post office on Dec. 6th

There will be a winter concert at the Felix Fiesta Junior High School on Dec. 15th and the snow date will be Dec. 17th.

QUESTIONS FOR PRINCIPAL

What was the reason for change regarding American Education Week?

Answer- the District has been thinking about it for some time now and they do feel that having a common area in which all the parents can come in and see the children's work would be a nicer and safer place for our children as well as it would not disturb the children from instruction time. After speaking with the staff here at our school this is how we will proceed with it this year.

Why were we open for Election Day? Were our children safe? Parking?

Answer- we had extra tight security that specific day; extra staff, the Auxiliary police, and employees were posted in specific areas of the building so we knew at all times who was entering and exiting our building. We did have some unhappy voters that had to wait until all our children were settled into their classrooms, however, the safety of our children always comes first. As for why we were opened that day, it is really up to the district, and I will be willing to share your concerns with them at the district level.

TREASUREY REPORT- Liz Curran-There has been one small glitch this year and that is with the photocopies. Unfortunately we have to make and pay for any and all copies so it has come in as an extra re-imbusement that we were not really anticipating. However, we are doing well in

all other areas such as membership, book fair and Halloween Fun Night did very well. Things seem to be running smoothly this year.

MINUTES APPROVED FOR SEPT. 27, 2010

COUNCIL MEETING REPORT- Sarah Olijarczyk -The council meeting really touched base upon bullying and what we can do to help and address it in our schools. We would like to reach out to children who do not have a social network and help them. Anyone interested in the bullying forms please contact her. Paterson just signed a new law regarding Anti-Bullying Law. Next meeting is November 17th.

HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT- Rose Ann Bubloski- Rose Ann read a very detailed thank you from her & Colleen Farrelly to all who helped out that night. All help and donations were greatly appreciated. This thank you is on our website for you all to read.

FALL FUNDRAISER- Lisa Raoila-Items are in and being distributed this week. We did well with the Fall Fundraiser.

BOOK FAIR-Johnna Hraska-Mrs. Hraska said thank you to all that helped. The book fair profited \$2000. A big thank you to Karen Moore who was Clifford the Dog and to all who read to the children that week.

INSTRUCTED VOTE

Scholarship Fund 26/0

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE-November 30th – Dec. 2nd. Children will have the opportunity to make a list and then shop that week.

SAFETY-Kathy Klassen discussed the safety of our children and the vehicles that are driving by. We must spread the word to all, "Do Not go over 15mph during school hours." Asking for help to please drive slowly. It will be too late before someone gets hurt. A petition was mentioned at this meeting.

5th GRADE MOVING UP

Movie Night was a nice success.

Bingo Night, January 28th

Pinwood Derby, January 21st.

APPARRELL- Kelly Morales-The jersey's will be arriving this Friday for all who have ordered them. We will try to get them out to everyone before Thanksgiving break.

YEARBOOK-Roseann Routolo-Please bring in photos for our yearbook. Leave a CD in PTA mailbox. We will have pre-orders starting the first week in February.

SCHOLARSHIPS- Erica-Carrie Garvey will be stepping up next year to chair the scholarship program. Erica will be sending a form to PTA to look at and see how it gets done.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED

PICTURES-Lifetouch

School Board Meetings

Board Vacancies -Recording Secretary and Treasury

RAFFLE

Meeting Adjourned 7:59pm.