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**Karigon Parent Teacher Association Membership Meeting
October 21, 2009
Karigon Media Center**

Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Unit President Tammy Learn.

Quorum establishment. Quorum was established by Tammy Learn.

Speaker. Invited speaker Jill A. Bush, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Learning, stressed the need to work with all school principals to develop Curriculum consistency among buildings. The need for early academic intervention and establishment of common time for teachers to discuss instruction and student needs was also stressed. Ms. Bush concluded by taking several questions from Unit membership. She may be reached at BushJill@shenet.org.

Minutes. Minutes being previously distributed, Tammy Learn requested waiver of reading of the minutes and called for amendments. Amendments regarding spelling of proper names were offered and accepted. The minutes were then accepted as amended.

Report of the Board of Education. The Report of the Board of Education was presented by member Mary Wiggins. Ms. Wiggins spoke briefly regarding Governor's proposed mid-year education cuts. She stated the Board was committed to reviewing both programs and staffing, but she personally did not feel there was programmatic excess.

Reports of Officers, Boards, Standing Committees.

1. **President.** The President's Report was presented by Tammy Learn. Ms. Learn announced Denise Adams had volunteered to advise Karigon's participants. Given an advisor had been found, Ms. Learn asked for a motion to expend \$350.00 to govern Karigon's entry fee. Moved by Natalie Laforest and seconded by Lori Bennett, the motion carried. The impending resignation of Unit Treasurer Natalie Laforest was announced. The Executive Committee had canvassed for a replacement and identified a candidate. An appointment is pending. The Shenendehowa PTA District Council scheduled Officer Training on campus for October 27th. Those interested in attending should contact the Executive Committee. Several committee vacancies were announced: Spring Fundraiser and Kaleidoscope require co-chairs; the District Council requires a Legislative Advocacy and Community Coalition representative.
2. **Vice President.** The Vice President's Report was presented by Tracy Margiotta. Ms. Margiotta discussed the present membership drive, Fall fund raiser, Picture Day, the Bowling Party and McDonald's Night.

3. Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report, presented by Natalie Laforest, was accompanied by a spreadsheet illustrating the present and previous year's budget (See, Attachment 1). A brief discussion of status occurred.
4. Recording Secretary. Recording Secretary Robert Williams stated no report was necessary.
5. Corresponding Secretary. The report of the Corresponding Secretary was presented by Tammy Learn in the absence of Lisa Burkhammer. Ms. Learn noted the written correspondences made during the previous month.
6. District Council. District Council Representative Christy Wightman stated no report was necessary as there had been no intervening meeting since the last report.
7. Principal. The Principal's Report was presented by Principal Greg Wing. Mr. Wing commenced by thanking volunteers. He mentioned staff training was ongoing, and additional efforts were being made in an effort to integrate the curriculum with the District's profile of an elementary school student. He also announced the date and time for the annual Halloween Parade and dates for Parent/Teacher conferences. Finally, Mr. Wing concluded with a reminder of the requirement for parental supervision of children at the Monster Mash.
8. Cultural Arts. The Cultural Arts Committee Report was presented by Heather Lombardo. Ms. Lombardo discussed five upcoming programs and sought authority to expend money already budgeted for the events. Additionally, Ms. Lombardo sought authority to enter a contract regarding another event. Motion by Sue Bohling, seconded by Lori Bennett. Carried.
9. Karigon Journal. The Karigon Journal Report was presented by Lori Bennett. Ms. Bennett requested articles for inclusion in the Journal be sent to her attention.
10. Hospitality. The Hospitality Committee Report was presented by Sue Bohling. Ms. Bohling stated the Staff Dessert was upcoming and sought volunteers for baking and serving.
11. Banking. The Banking Committee Report was presented by Amy Czirr. Ms. Czirr stated that recruitment continued. She requested ideas for increasing student participation.
12. Teacher Liaison. The Teacher Liaison Report was presented by Denise Adams. Ms. Adams apologized for a poor teacher turnout at the McDonald's Night, noting a staff conflict.
13. Boxtops. The Boxtops Committee Report was presented by Jenn Collazo. Ms. Collazo provided an overview of the programs, the various deadlines faced and an in-school

boxtop competition. Ms. Collazo sought authorization to purchase five dollar Boarders gift cards as prizes for the classroom responsible for the greatest number of boxtops. Motion moved by Jodi O'Neill, seconded by Ann Roe. Carried.

14. Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee Report was presented by Robert Williams. Mr. Williams noted the Unit's bylaws are scheduled to expire on April 10, 2010, necessitating adoption of a new document and submission to and approval by the New York State PTA. According to Mr. Williams, the State suggested submission no later than ninety days prior to expiration, requiring adoption no later than January 10, 2010. The committee is seeking two to four additional people to assist with the endeavor. Two individuals volunteered to serve.
15. Honorary Life/Recognition. The Honorary Life/Recognition Committee Report was presented by Robert Williams in the absence of Chiquitta Alexander. Mr. Williams announced nominees were being solicited and requested volunteers to serve on an evaluation committee
16. Young Author's Week. The Young Authors' Week Committee Report was presented Kristen Graber. It was announced that Marc Brown would be coming to Karigon during mid-May.
17. Yearbook. The Yearbook Committee Report was presented by Ann Roe. Ms. Roe stated the assistance has been excellent and sought additional candid pictures for consideration.
18. Holiday Shop. The Holiday Shop Committee Report was presented by Jody O'Neill and Karla Anderson. Due to a better understanding of stock and operations, they anticipate a better return than last year. They sought authority to expend an amount not to exceed \$4,700.00 already budgeted. Motion by Beth Ogle, seconded by Heather Lombardo. Carried.

Resolutions. Proposed resolutions to be considered at the upcoming annual meeting of the New York State PTA were circulated. After deliberation, it was determined to permit voting on Unit recommendation by ballot to be received no later than Friday, October 23rd.

Adjournment. Tammy Learn adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes presented by Robert Williams, Recording Secretary