

## **SKANO PTA Meeting Minutes Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 6:30 pm**

**Attendance:** Dana Gould, Laura Haley, Liz Dwyer, Kelly Saposnick, MaryAnn & Phil Cortese, Jeanne Haug, Mary Fitzgerald, Stacey Kipp, Sharon Bowles, Robin Igbal, Maria Stewart, Amy Kimball, Amy Abatto, Laura Greene, Wendy DeRose Janean P. Hewes, Sharon Bowles, Mary Blaauboer, Aimee Trader, Cara Salvi, Kelly DiCocco, Linda Jolly, and Michelle Frutchey

**1. Quorum Present.**

**2. Minutes approved from 6/17/09.** Aimee Trader & Jeanne Haug 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

**3. Reports:**

President's Report – PTA call to help forms went out to all students. Letter sent via e-mail welcoming students and parents back to school

Secretary's Report – Liz Dwyer gave report on attending Council meeting. Special Ed committee is looking for volunteers. The opening of the pool was successful and will also be available to the public early in the morning. Secretary will collect the call for help forms and create master list of volunteers to be sent to each committee chair.

Treasurer's Report – No report

Principal's Report – Mary Fitzgerald reported on school events: Bus ports in front of building were completed during summer months. Open house was a success. A new math series is opening. SKANO continues to go paperless. Parent portal available to all parents and next year will allow access to grades for students. 'Filling peoples' buckets' is a continuation of 'No put-downs' at SKANO -- This will be addressed more at the next PTA meeting.

BOE's Report – Sharon Bowles reported on the Council meeting on Sept. 14.

Teacher's Report – No report

Partnership's Report – 1<sup>st</sup> meeting on 9/23/09

Council's Report -- Paypams is a new program that allows parents to pay ahead for school lunches online so they do not have to write checks to the school lunch fund. Dr. McDonald will be retiring. Swimming for third graders has started successfully.

**4. Committee Reports:**

Back to School Picnic will be held inside the SKANO cafeteria and will be a pizza party, water, juice and desserts. DJ services and pretzels have been donated. A display of SHEN gear will be available as well as the fundraiser board. Mr. Twisty Jr. will be available as well as crafts.

Dolphin Readers will kick off 10/2/09 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid 4' will launch on 10/15/09.

Halloween Party will be held on Friday 10/30/09 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Fundraiser will start on 10/1/09. Wendy DeRosa and Laura Greene will send home packets to parents on 10/1/09. Pick-up will be on 11/12/09.

**5. Unfinished business:**

Skano's "Go Green"- Anita LaBrecque reported on the green team program to inspire kids to go green in the classrooms and at home. Ideas are a book swap, Nike shoe reuse, trays from lunch room could be used in art or science projects and "Trashfree Tuesdays"

**6. New Business:**

Odyssey of the Mind Concessions Laura Haley reported on this fundraising opportunity. Cost to participate would be \$350, and we would earn back the money plus. Volunteers will be needed to work the concession stand on 3/6/10. 1<sup>st</sup> motion by Susan Kirby-Lemont and 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Aimee Trader

Almost March Madness Presidents reported on Almost March Madness. Organizational meeting on 10/7/09. Julie Plumadore is Chairperson. Volunteers will be needed for this event to work concessions. Kelly DiCocco and Phil Cortese volunteered.

District Health & Wellness Committee need Parent representatives.

Special Ed. Committee needs representatives at Council level

Holiday Bazaar would include 30 plus vendors to sell their wares during event and be open to grade levels to raise money for school activities. Date to be decided. Signage needed to better promote event

**7. Announcements:**

PTA meeting Oct. 22nd, 6:30 pm Skano Library

October 24th Community Conversations-Shatekon Library featuring Dr. Robinson 9:30am

October 27th Regional Officers Training Meeting- Shen West, 5:30pm

November 9th Council PTA meeting- Acadia Library, 7:00pm

November 13-15th NYSPTA Convention, Saratoga

**8. Adjournment:** 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Liz Dwyer, Skano PTA Secretary

Notes are pending approval at next PTA meeting