

## ORE PTO Meeting Minutes November 8

In Attendance: Gretchen Olson, Barb Dorn, Michelle Hughes, Matt Silvern, Diane Harrington, Lisa Veldran, Kathy Statz, Michael Stone, Gwen Stone, Anne Lund, Lori Henry

### Treasurer's report – Matt Silvern

- Numbers look good; Checking acct a little inflated because we haven't paid for the fundraiser goods yet. Also need to put in some scrip numbers.

### ISEI (Individual School Endowment Initiative) Report – Lisa Veldran

- A motion was passed to:
  - form the endowment group as a sub-committee of the PTO
  - Amend the By-laws stating that the endowment will operate from a separate financial account from PTO
  - Fund the \$2990 needed to establish the endowment
- The endowment group will consist of a PTO representative, the principal, teacher(s), parents, ISEI point person. They will review and submit grants to the fund.
- The money needs to be in the fund for 4 quarters before we can get the interest, so it is in our best interest to get the account established soon.

### Principal's Report – Barb Dorn

- 3-5 grade testing is happening now. Kids are getting through it but have tons of energy to burn off.
- "Be the 1" t shirts are in. They will be given out at the school assembly on 11/22. On this day BLAST will begin: Stands for Belonging, Learning And Sharing Together. This is a school-wide program to promote multi age interaction, as well as introducing the kids to adults in the school they may have not had contact with yet. There are 37 adults who will have 6-7 kids each for ½ hour. The kids will be a variety of ages. The time will be spent sharing an interest or doing a group project. This will likely be done each month.
- The mentor program will start this week, in which a screened adult is paired with a kid who is thought to benefit from having another adult in their life. The school social worker is pleased to have 10 matches already, so it is off to a good start.
- Multico- on 11/23 a group of west high students will come to perform skits dealing with diversity. They will then split up and go into classrooms to answer any questions the kids have.
- The 11/18 family lunch will be moved to a date after the holidays.
- The music teacher is working on a winter program, we will know more as his plans develop. Parents may be asked to help get kids organized if the program is at night and a teacher cannot come.
- Sock Hop is this Friday. There will be gates set up in the halls to keep kids out, and there will be one entrance/exit. No kids will be allowed without a parent/guardian. Bathrooms will be posted by an adult as well as halls/doors.

### Scrip Report – Michelle Hughes

- Should we think about trying to sell scrip in the neighborhood to non ORE families? It would take a person to act as a liaison and a bit more work but could be worthwhile. Could it be noted in the Grapevine (ORCC newsletter)?
- We just made the Woodman's minimum order by \$75 this month.
- We are planning 2 promotions:
  - Feb order: we would like to promote the order as "have a heart" and donate \$500 of our profits to the teacher's wish lists. Motion was approved.
  - March/April: Raffle off a gas card with all ordering family's names in the raffle.

Family Fun Nights:

- Jan 12, 6-7:30 Family reading night. Guest authors/visitors including Art Rainwater. A book exchange will happen as well.
- Jan 26 will be arts and crafts night.

Long Range Task Force Report – Michelle Hughes

- She is attending meetings as the ORE representative. The group's goal is to give all schools a say in addressing the potential overcrowding in the West/Memorial attendance areas.

Misc

- Schwan has changed their fundraiser program. Matt will talk to Leslie G. to see what she knows.
- Woodchips are in, we will spread them tomorrow.
- Student Directory is done! Diane Harrington and Karen Northey worked hard to finish it up. It will be put in teacher boxes tomorrow. Paper cost was about \$50; Staples would have charged about \$400.
- E-Voting – bylaws need amendment to allow e-voting for costs over \$50.
- The fall fundraiser made about \$5500 for the PTO! We did the best in Madison. Pickup will be 1:30-5:30 Monday 11/14, and anyone who could help is invited to do so.
- Adopt a book raised \$1147 for the library.
- Diane H would like to see a PTO meeting about general teaching policies, philosophies, skill level separation/integration, etc.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00