

PTF Meeting Minutes  
March 10, 2008

**Attendees:** Bill Connolly, Cathy Connolly, Ben Coopersmith, Terry Cooke, Shawn Hathaway, Kristen McDonald, Colleen Brown, Lisa Benton, Wendy Herzer, Sharon Cudworth, Sharon Cudworth Jr., Sherri Miller. **Absent:** Cindy Weaver, Fran Bouwense

I. **Opening Prayer** – Terry opened the meeting in prayer.

II. **Call to Order** – Bill called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**III. Officer/Committee Reports**

i. **Treasurer's Report** – Lisa noted that there is approximately \$4500 in shopping certificates on hand, bringing total current assets to approximately \$8900. At this point, the only outstanding expense to be paid is \$400 for the new basketball jerseys.

ii. **Shopping Certificates** – Cathy will talk to Cindy about sending out another flyer to remind parents about the program. Flyer will be updated making note that the cards are available for purchase in the preschool office as well as the main office. Once the weather breaks, certificates will again be available in the parking lot after school. Bill and Cathy requested that anyone with ideas on how to make the program even more convenient and accessible for parents should email suggestions to cathyconnol1@earthlink.net.

iii. **School Committee Report** – No committee update.

iv. **Scholastic Book Fair** – The Multicultural Family Night was well-attended and a lot of fun. Financial details were not available for the meeting. It was suggested that next year each classroom have more opportunity to shop the fair – perhaps an initial visit on day 1 or 2 and a follow-up at the end of the week.

v. **Walk-A-Thon** – Kick-off rally is Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the GSCA Chapel. Each student will receive a packet to take home that day. **Preschool packets need to be distributed earlier as many students do not attend on Thursdays.** Packets are currently being assembled and Paula Burd is helping coordinate the day's activities. Many volunteers will be needed including on the day of the event, beforehand as students begin bringing in sponsor materials, and afterward to plan reward parties. Mrs. Francy will keep tally of how many sponsor coupons each student brings in. Wendy Herzer will make coupon boxes for the 3 Preschool classrooms. Sharon Cudworth will make coupon boxes for the 9 Academy classrooms. A core steering committee will meet to iron out details of the event, including collection of sponsorships.

**IV. Ongoing Business**

i. **Movie Night** – Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, showing Snow Buddies, doors open 6pm

ii. **Pre-School Playground Equipment** – We have 12 volunteers to help with the playground equipment. Kristen asked about putting up a flyer on the preschool bulletin board near the sign-in sheet to make more parents aware

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of the need. With enough volunteers, the equipment could be moved, cleaned, and set up in one weekend. Otherwise, Bill is planning to possible transport one weekend and setup another. Weather permitting, we are looking at last weekend in March, first in April for the move.

- iii. **Security Cameras** – no update available
- iv. **Basketball Playoffs** – Boys won their first game in the playoffs but lost the second. The Girls team played a great game but lost by a few baskets. All-Stars are Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We have 7 students being sent to the all-star game.
- v. **PTF Bylaws** – Bill has reviewed and approved; Cindy needs to give final approval before submitting to school committee.
- vi. **GSCA Emergency Procedures** – no update available

### V. New Business

- i. Sharon Cudworth Jr. distributed a flyer regarding Chocopalooza, a community event hosted by her Girl Scout Troop. The event invites local non-profit organizations to promote community awareness and set up a booth with a chocolate-themed activity or fundraiser. She was requesting participation by the school or related ministries. The event is April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. A few parents presented a concern regarding new minimum attendance requirements at the preschool for the 2008-09 school year. It was suggested that they contact Cindy with their specific concerns.

### VI. Parking Lot

- i. **School Store** – The store will be managed as a daily school operation and not a PTF activity. Item being removed from ‘parking lot.’
- ii. **Token of Appreciation**
- iii. **New PTF Treasurer Needed**
- iv. **Scrip Program for 2008-2009 School Year**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm. Next PTF Meeting is **Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm.