

## **Home & School Meeting Minutes September 27, 2010**

**Those in attendance:** Mr. Terry Crum, Joanne Blaylock, Pamela Perry, Mrs. Sue Kriener, Kathy Kloewer, Barb Hilton, Mrs. Jean Koch, Bernadine Cutsor, Linda Lytle, Vanessa Shoemaker, Linda Koumaka.

The meeting began around 7:00 p.m. Joanne Blaylock and Pamela Perry indicated that they would be willing to serve as Home & School Co-Presidents for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Fall Fundraiser Summary:** Barb Hilton provided a Fall Fundraiser report via e-mail notes from Sarah Pritza. The orders have been sent in to Red Apple. The profit from this fundraiser will be approximately \$26,000 which was a strong number based upon current student enrollment. The school is \$4,000 short of its \$30,000 goal. One option to make up this difference would include having a week long spring Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough sale in March with delivery at St. James prior to Easter break. About \$2,300 was raised with last year's spring cookie sale. Sarah would coordinate this project with John Crose, the fundraiser consultant. Another option would be to have John just pay the school the \$4,000 that is owed to us. Sarah was in favor of trying to raise some of the \$4,000 on our own as John has done so much for our school. Discussion followed, and others agreed with this option. A total of 34 students will be attending the limousine lunch to Valentino's on 102<sup>nd</sup> and Maple on October 14<sup>th</sup>. John will cover these expenses just as he also paid for the fundraiser candy, bags, ducks, prizes and silly bands for the limousine riders. Total expenses for the school should be less than \$30. Mrs. Koch's classroom was the top selling class with \$3,494 in sales. They each received a candy bag, and Mrs. Koch received a certificate for two Omaha Community Playhouse tickets. The top selling student/family was the Bybee Family who sold 85 items.

**Fundraiser Delivery Day:** Bernadine Cutsor is coordinating this event which will take place on Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The delivery trucks will be unloaded beginning at 12:00 p.m. with pick up scheduled from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Bernadine is still soliciting adult volunteers as well as possibly some students to help out. Volunteers are signing up for two hour shifts, and others be asked to donate snacks and drinks for the workers. Five Kohl's employees will be providing a total of 15 hours of assistance with delivery day as well which will provide an additional \$500 for our school courtesy of a promotion offered by their store. Bernadine is looking for someone to take over the role of coordinator for delivery day next year.

**Kohl's \$500,000 to St. Pius School in Lincoln:** Some discussion took place about how this school received enough online votes to win money to be used toward remodeling their school kitchen. People talked about finding different opportunities for our school to possibly earn money through different means such as this one.

**LAND O LAKES:** Kathy Kloewer inquired about collecting LAND O LAKES caps as another way to earn funds for our school. Each cap is worth five cents. A minimum of 2,000 caps are needed prior to an order being submitted.

**Campbell's:** Dale and Sandy Krupka are the new Campbell's coordinators.

**Box Tops for Education:** Patty Bales is in charge of this promotion.

**Product Partners:** The first turn in date for UPCs, Box Tops, etc... is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Kathy Kloewer has been doing a lot of trimming, sorting and delivering of these collected items to the respective coordinators.

**Supplies for Teachers:** Pam Perry will provide catalogs to the school that can possibly be used to order supplies for some of the teachers.

**Christmas Gifts:** \$1,436 has been collected thus far. A second form requesting additional funds will be going out to the school families. The faculty received \$50 HOPE certificates, and the staff received \$25 in HOPE certificates. November 8<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for employees to make vendor requests for their certificates.

**FAN Nights:** The August Dairy Queen Night generated \$115 for the school. Future FAN Nights with Dairy Queen will run from 6:00-9:00. The profit from the September 16<sup>th</sup> Godfather's Night was not yet known. Putting Plus will be giving 25% back to our school on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-11:30.

**Frequently Asked Questions:** Discussion was held regarding better ways of communicating information to especially our new parents (FAN Nights, Virtual Backpack, etc...). The possibility of some type of "Community Board" online or Home & School link with contact people and committee heads was discussed. The topic of contacting with alumni was also brought up. It was again mentioned that we need to be letting people know how much money we are earning through collection of labels, Box Tops, UPCs, etc...

**Halloween Parties:** A dress down day will take place on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, and some classroom parties will also be held on this day. Kelly Bosn will be coordinating treats (Krispy Kreme donuts and bottles of water) for the students. She is looking for someone to take over this job for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations in March.

**Coat Drive:** The fourth grade is coordinating this drive which will take place from October 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

**Blankets:** The fifth grade will be making blankets before Thanksgiving. Home & School may provide them with funds to be used toward purchasing blanket materials.

**Financial Update:** The Statement of Income & Expenses was looked at and discussed. \$880 in Home & School dues and \$516 for the NCFCS has been collected. The 2010-2011 school directories cost \$1,954 which was a \$365 savings over last year. Rainbow Press helped print the directories. Barb Hilton coordinated this project again this year. Directories will be not be distributed at Curriculum Night next year but will go home at a later date.

**Sycamore Education:** Sycamore has been an inexpensive website communication tool for the school and its families. There are more possibilities with regards to future technology enhancements.

**All-School Assemblies:** It was discussed that any suggestions or requests for various authors or programs to be brought to our school should go through Mr. Terry Crum or Mrs. Chris Arnold.

The meeting was adjourned prior to 9:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Lytle.