

**Atholton Elementary School**  
PTA Executive Board Meeting  
October 8, 2007

**Meeting Attendees:**

Lori Donato  
Felicia Jones  
Sherri Gruenberg  
Stacey Matson  
Angela Ward  
Lynette Palmer  
Katie O'Morrill  
Cheryl Duquette  
Debra Anoff  
Lauren Bauer  
Shelly Cohen  
Cathy Landfried  
Melissa Kominos  
Mary Beth Waak

**The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM**

**Felicia Jones made a motion to approve as written the minutes from the last meeting, Shelly Cohen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

**Officer's Reports:**

**President:** Lori Donato

- Howard County Library – offers free online tutoring services
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – Coffee and Conversation with the Board of Education, 9:30 – 11:00 AM Howard High School
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – Healthy Food Vendor Fair, 7-9 PM
- October 15<sup>th</sup> – Parent Volunteer Training, 9:45 AM – Media Center
- Oct. 26 - Nov. 2 – AES Book Fair
- Oct. 26 – PTA Hay Day – 5:00-8:00 pm
- PTA Parent Newsletter – will be sent out with membership cards this month
- PTAC – October 27<sup>th</sup> workshop for treasurers and fund raising
- October 21-27 – National Bullying Prevention Week: [www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org](http://www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org)

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Felicia Jones

- Coat Drive - donation boxes will be in the front entry of the school through October 15<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> – collecting both adults and kids coats
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – Halloween costume parade on the blacktop
- Volunteer Training: Prior to any PTA event that might need volunteers, please let Barb Mackie know how many volunteers you need, providing as much notice as possible, ideally one month. She will help coordinate the volunteers for your event.

**Treasurer:** Patty Dugan

- Not in attendance

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Beth Waak

- No report

**Recording Secretary:** Stacey Matson

- Minutes read from September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and approved

## Staff Reports:

### Principal: Mrs. Bauer

- Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts – 30 are registered and 5 scholarships will be offered
- Bullying – still a top Priority for AES staff right now. The occurrences have been limited, but this has been going on for a while and was unknown because the students were afraid to tell. “Bullying Reports” will be offered for parents to fill out when their children report incidents to them and Carol Libeson will work with the students. The incidents are primarily occurring in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, during the transition times. One possibility would be shortening the recess period, but we are trying to deal with the few vs. the whole.
- Text book replacement: New math text books have been ordered and will arrive by the end of October.
- 2 new grants: New Teacher Support – Mrs. Anoff is developing Quality Inclusive Education.
- Autism Workgroup: Mrs. Bauer is participating and we will look at how we are serving all students with Autism.
- Bookfair begins on October 26<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Staff Participation: 3 will join – Lisa Young, Heather Weeks, and Donna Hitt
- Memo from the Board of education: 2 vacancies in the Ethics Program – has a 5 year term, and goal is to oversee ethics regulations. For all that are interested, please send a letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Bauer.
- Mrs. Bauer’s sister was in a motorcycle accident, but expects a full recovery.

### Vice Principal: Mrs. Anoff

- October 21<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> is National Bullying Week.
- Parent Volunteer training will include new board and state regulations for child abuse and confidentiality are the new primary focuses ~ training is mandatory for all volunteers at AES. If you are interested in volunteering for just one field trip, etc, please set up a private meeting to obtain the training prior to the event.
- School store: Final numbers are in and we sold 48 coupon books for a total of \$550. The school store is up and running. The rolling cart is outside of Mrs. Fishman’s room, but questions yet to be answered:
  - Do we have spirit wear available in the school store? Considering hats, t-shirts and water bottles. A flyer and order form would come home to parents to inform of the more substantial items of cost.
- The snacks in the cafeteria at lunch will be limited to 2 cookies or 1 snack.
- Mrs. Anoff will initiate the ‘Getting to know you’ project.

## Committee Reports:

- **Spring Fling:** no update
- **SIT:** [Lori Donato] First meeting on Wednesday 10/10
- **Staff Appreciation:** [Cheryl Duquette] Tuesday 10/16 will have carmel apples and cider for the staff
- **Basket Bingo:** Committee meeting will be held the first week of November. We have 10 volunteers at this time. Date scheduled: March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Box Tops & Labels:** [Lynette Palmer] No update
- **Market Day:** [Felicia Jones] Did not meet sales goal in September, the goal was 77 new customers, we received 40 new and \$245 in sales. Pies will be the featured item, but we’ll not be having the pie sale fundraiser. eSchool reminders to go out ‘Don’t forget to order’.
- **Gift Wrap:** no update

- **Membership:** [Shelly Cohen] – Memberships not fully entered into database yet. We have a total of 226 members this year to date. We have not yet calculated the membership funds. Another registration reminder will go out in Friday Folders.
- **Cultural Arts:** [Melissa Kominos] On 10/10 there will be a Cultural Arts assembly with a Caribbean music group – vocals, dancing and steel drums. On 11/27 there will be a 6+1 writing traits event. Events will be posted on board.
- **Family Fun:** [Lori Donato]
  - Straw Dance/Hay Day: October 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:50 -7:30 PM (Eileen & Robbie Thompson)
    - No admission fee
    - Will be held outside unless it rains
    - Asking for donations of baked goods for bake sale during event ~ please make nut free or specify if item contains nuts
    - Will be selling pumpkins and apple cider
  - Craft Night: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 PM
    - Katie O'Morrill and Tricia Brumbaugh leading
- **Golf Tournament:** (Mr. K and Ms. Vicino) – Adult golf outing fund raiser with funds going to AES & Clemens Crossing PTA
- **Plant Sale:** no update
- **Web master:** Jennifer Stott is putting everything on the website. Please send her any forms you would like posted.
- **Reflections:** no update
- **School kids:** no update
- **5<sup>th</sup> grade:** no update

**New Business:**

- **Casey Dison** – school directory is coming! We are printing 350 copies.

**Unfinished Business:**

- No update

**A motion was made by Lori Donato to adjourn the meeting and Felicia Jones seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.**

The next PA Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Matson  
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_  
As written \_\_\_\_\_  
As amended \_\_\_\_\_