

Atholton Elementary School
PTA Executive Board Meeting
September 17, 2007

Meeting Attendees:

- Felicia Jones
- Lori Donato
- Kim Hoffman
- Michael Loll
- Bryna Weiss
- Brenda Clyde
- Stacey Matson
- Lynette Palmer
- Mary Beth Waak
- Cheryl Duquette
- Susan Ward
- Shelly Cohen
- Lauren Bauer
- Debra Anoff

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM

Officer's Reports:

President: Lori Donato

- Events Calendar:
 - > September 29: Farm city walk at Clark's Elioaks Farm
 - > October 8: Parent Volunteer Orientation Training
 - > October 15: Parent Volunteer Orientation Training
 - > October 15: Healthy Eating Habits (www.schoolnutrition.org)
 - > October 29: Fall Workshop Sharing Session
 - > November 5: PTAC Meeting
 - > January 7: Book Drive
 - > June 4: Back to School Supplies

1st Vice President: Felicia Jones

- Family Fun night: still seeking team members, splitting out each event and will ask volunteers to sign up for each event:
 - > Straw Dance
 - > Movie Night
 - > Craft Night
 - > Spring Fling
 - > Family Fitness Night
- Basket Bingo – more volunteer spots to fill as well
- Sold 40 Coupon Books – have enough now to get the School Store cart, therefore providing leadership opportunities to the 5th grade class

Treasurer: Patty Dugan

- Felicia Jones made a motion to approve as written the 2007/2008 Budget. Shelly Cohen seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Beth Waak

- If anyone has anything that needs to be photocopied, all sheets should be approved by Mrs. Bauer and/or Mrs. Anoff

Staff Reports:

Principal: Mrs. Bauer

- Focus on addressing bullying at AES. Bullying does exist, but it is very subtle and strictly verbal. There are only a few students in the 4th grade that have exhibited this behavior. The Staff is providing the students with tools and tips empower them to stand up to bullies and to not be afraid to talk about it. More kids are beginning to report incidents to teachers

and the guidance counselor. The Staff is more closely monitoring the transition times, when the incidents mostly likely occur. Students found bullying others will be addressed and dealt with appropriately to ensure AES is a safe school.

- Kids with Character: September = Initiative
- Maryland Mentoring Association out of Baltimore, promoting mentoring for 4th and 5th graders targeted towards those needing a bit more attention. Seeking mentor volunteers from local corporations.
- Professional Development
- Leadership Groups being formed for 5th graders in lieu of Student Council to promote the following development opportunities by leading these 5 committees:
 - > Spirit
 - > Safety Patrol
 - > School Store
 - > Book Sale
 - > Leadership Safe School
- Sunrise Assisted Living: AES Students will continue to make monthly visits to Sunrise providing different social engagement activities such as drama, games, songs, puzzles. The visits will start with the 5th grade classes and roll down through the strings group and perhaps the 4th grade classes as well and will span over 7 months of the school year.

Committee Reports:

- **Spring Fling:** May 17th, 2008 in the afternoon is the targeted date
- **SIT:** second Wednesday of every month at 8:15 pm (next is 10/10, then 11/14)
- **Staff Appreciation:** Back to school breakfast went very well. "Getting to know you" sent home to every parent and will also be available on website: www.pantherspta.com. Any updates for the website should be mailed to Jenn Stott.
- **Basket Bingo:** Promote last year's success and how the money raised was applied on the website along with a letter from the PTA President. This year's event will be held on March 1st at The Lodge in Catonsville and will be a family event.
- **Events Volunteer forms:** please send your requests to Barb Mackie to create and print.
- **Box Tops & Labels:** Last year's winner: Mr. Gardner's class – they enjoyed their ice cream very much! Please remind children to put their teacher's name on the bag when they bring in to school. Also, don't forget to use the box top website to sign up for marketplace deals and register to win box tops for AES.
- **Market Day:** Any items ordered by 9/26 for October can help AES receive \$400 in scholastic books if we meet our goal of increasing the number of customers and orders by 10% (as of September: ~ 400 customers and 3000 orders)
- **Gift Wrap:** going very well... don't forget about the website for easy ordering
- **Membership:** AES is setting up account on the National PTA's online database. AES PTA membership cards will be mailed out shortly.
- **Cultural Arts:** Melissa Caminos is working with AES. Charter Education Assembly upcoming. 6+1 traits of writing Assembly will be scheduled towards the end of November. Planetarium and Earth Dome Assembly will be scheduled for January. The Science Center Program will be scheduled in the spring. Looking for an additional cultural program, perhaps an Author or local representative from NASA or a State Department?

New Business:

- Mrs. Bauer: will encourage more faculty involvement in PTA meetings.
- Felicia: "Restaurant Night" to be promoted... good participation last year
- Super Suppers: reminder that AES has an account that can be credited with 3-4% of your purchase total every time you shop.
- Giant: reminder to fill out your AES number for credit on purchases.
- 5th Grade Memory Book: no committee. Need a photographer for the memory book. Designated Todd Gartner to pull 5th grade parents together to determine who wants to plan 5th grade activities and

Unfinished Business: none

A motion was made by Lori Donato to adjourn the meeting and Mary Beth Waak seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next PA Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 8th at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Matson
Recording Secretary

Minutes approved _____
As written _____
As amended _____