

# **ROE PTO Board Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2010**

Meeting was brought to order at 6:03pm

## **2010-2011 Board Members Present**

1. Frances Moore-Jones, President
2. Diane Cimino, Past president
3. Holly Shilstone, Vice President
4. Charla Carroll, Secretary
5. Sandra Alhorn, Treasurer
6. Liz Palmer, Budget & Finance
7. Ann Guerra, Ways & Means
8. Melissa Morris, School Life Chair
9. Sara Bloome, Volunteer Coordinator
10. Amie Canfield, Volunteer Coordinator
11. Terri Gerber, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep
12. Lee Riley, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep
13. Robert Woelfel, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Rep
14. Tammy Yum, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Rep
15. Marc Sanders, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Rep
16. Jeri Gates, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Rep
17. Monique Baumann, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Rep
18. Meredith Maierson, Internal School Relations
19. Janann Pittman, Specialists Rep
20. ASP Rep, Bendi Woodruff

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

21. Susan Shenker, Principal
22. Mary Waugh, Teacher
23. Becky Smith, Teacher
24. Michele Dahlquist, Admin. Coordinator
25. Debra Kenna
26. Regina Burns
27. Elaine Britt
28. Margaret Young
29. Debra Kenna
30. Kathryn Hensey
31. Michael Rodriguez
32. Christine Rodriguez
33. Rene Flood
34. Shenequa Animashaun
35. Elisa Donovan
36. Lynn Marsh
37. Ann Tanabe
38. Natalie Cordova
39. Phyllis Epps

## **Minutes**

### **TOPIC: Introductions**

#### **SPONSOR: All Board and Committee Members**

- All Board and Committee Members introduced themselves and advised what positions they will hold for the upcoming year.

### **TOPIC: Secretary's Report**

#### **Sponsor: Charla Carroll**

- The minutes from the April 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were presented and requested to be approved. Diane Cimino motioned, Frances Moore-Jones seconded. All were in favor.

### **TOPIC: Principal's Report**

#### **Sponsor: Susan Shenker**

- Ms. Susan Shenker spoke about recent PTO-funded staff development, Double IM, which encourages independent investigation techniques at all grade levels. It teaches drawing from multiple sources, creating and investigating with even our youngest students.

- A 3-day differentiation training was held last week and even with many people coming and going throughout the school, the training went smoothly. Ms. Shenker sent big thank you to everyone.
- There are many different children and no one “right way” to teach to all of them. We are conducting a climate survey and what we are finding out is that the naiveté of our children is truly a luxury. The results of the survey are being compiled.
- Thank you to the PTO for its support of these and other programs.

**TOPIC: President’s Report**

**SPONSOR: Frances Moore-Jones**

- Frances shared some information and reminders
  - A reminder that the Board is the body that votes.
  - The Ways and Means Committee Members will report to Ann Guerra.
  - The School Life committee members will report to Melissa Morris.
  - The Shared Decision Making committee (SDMC) is a group that makes decisions about all operational matters, curriculum of the school, budget, personnel and the general direction of the school.
  - Frances explained the reason for the PTO Board Strategy Sheet included in the handouts.
  - Committees stand alone. The Board doesn’t make individual decisions.
- Frances then moved on to voting items.

**ITEM #1** Frances proposed an additional \$5,000 should be allocated from the 2009-2010 budget for the anti-bullying program.

- Meredith Maierson said that after the audit and anti-bullying program, all funds are spent. The 10K will give additional flexibility in terms of continuing the program in the fall and creating consistency.
- Ms. Shenker said that consistency is important, as kids will re-create what they see.
- Question: any progress on getting a counselor?
- Ms. Shenker said she is talking with DePelchin to continue some level of interaction. She feels it’s important but budget currently prohibits it. She has her eyes set on having a counselor as positions become available through attrition.
- Liz Palmer moved to approve the \$5,000. Janann seconded. The motion carried.

**ITEM #2** Frances proposed allocating \$5,000 to Odyssey of the Mind. Six out of 11 Texas teams that are going to Nationals are from ROE.

- Michele Dahlquist reports that 47 members are going 8-9 per team. The goal is to reimburse room, board and plane fare for kids and coaches.
- They have had a yard sale, washed cars, held dances, sold yard signs and held a silent auction to raise funds. They have raised about 22K so far.
- Ms. Shenker said the district has allocated \$15,000 to this effort as well.
- Frances makes a motion to allocate the \$5,000. Meredith seconded. The motion carried.

**ITEM #3** Frances proposed amending the bylaws by adding 2 new voting members; a specialist representative and internal school relations chair.

- Terri Gerber motioned. Sandra Alhorn seconded. The motion carried.

**TOPIC: Budget**

**SPONSOR: Liz Palmer**

- Liz Palmer presented the 2010-2011 proposed budget for approval and went over ROE’s income producing efforts then introduced an underwriting account.
- The Kinder reps requested funding for caps and tassels. Debra Kenna suggested PTO cover the \$400. Phyllis Epps suggested giving people the option and getting the message out that we can help.

Debra Kenna suggested using \$400 of the net \$668 in extra funds for kinder cap and gown. Liz made a motion to accept the Budget as amended. Janann seconded. Motion carried.

- Liz gave a report on the 2009-2010 Year End Financials.
- Bendi Woodruff asked if we could use some of our cash on a counselor. Christine Rodriguez suggested using interns. Ms. Shenker wants a more generalized, school wide approach.

**TOPIC: Treasury**

**SPONSOR: Sandra Alhorn**

- Sandra said that May 18 is the last day she would be cutting checks for the month. If people buy anything be sure and use the tax certificate. There is a box in the school office for drop-off of receipts. She cuts checks every Tuesday. Sandra requested to close a superfluous account. Frances motioned to close the account. Liz seconded. Motion carried.

Frances thanked everyone for supporting the school by volunteering for the 2010-2011 Board. Janann Pittman reminded members to watch for a heads up on a moving party for Ms. Lieber.

Frances Moore-Jones motioned to close the meeting. Liz Palmer seconded. All were in favor.

**Meeting came to a close at 7:26.**

