

Loudon Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: September 8, 2005

Attendance:

Barker, Julie	Hunton, Linda
Campbell, Christine	Kowalski, Sue
Chalifour, Tamara	Laliberte, Tom
Counter, Kelli	Latham, Debbie
Cowan, Laurie	Maleski, Katy
Doody, J.	McLean, Deb
Drago, Michelle	Mulleavey, Beth
Elkins, Linda	O'Brien, Norma
Hebert, Kendra	Patenaude, Trina
Herrick, Greg	Severance, Jamie
Hunton, Laura	Skene, Darlene

SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Golf Tournament took place Saturday, July 30th at the Loudon Country Club. This was a great success this year and everyone enjoyed the event. The profit figures will be available at the October PTA meeting.

The NHIS parking in July went well. Again the figures will be published for the October PTA meeting. Volunteers are needed for the September 18th race. Help is needed to park cars at this event and cleanup for the next morning. If you can help, respond to this e-mail and we will sign you up!

FALL FUNDRAISERS

A decision needs to be made about the fall fundraiser we would like to do. Several ideas were discussed.

- Cherrydale Catalog sale
- Varisty Gold Cards (Beth has had no success in contacting this company)
- Hat Day (25 cents to wear your hat to school on Friday)
- Popcorn Friday
- Basket Raffle
- Get vendor to donate pizza and host entertainment (magician, juggler, etc)
- Babysitting on a Saturday so parents can run errands

PURCHASING A POPCORN MACHINE

Beth Mulleavey expressed a desire to purchase a popcorn machine. The Loudon Recreation Committee is willing to pay for ½ the cost of the machine and this would be a good match as their events are in the summer and our events are school year. The cost of a machine is \$548, therefore, the PTA cost would be \$270. The rental cost is \$55 a day at Taylor Rental. Beth also noted that other non-profits may be interested in renting the machine from us if we were to buy it. Motion made to purchase a Popcorn machine using PTA funds: PASSED.

The cost of popcorn bags is \$7.33 for 1,000 bags
The cost of popcorn/oil packets is appx \$21. for 24 6 oz servings.
For our open house event we went through 1 ½ boxes

FIELD TRIPS

Beth discussed that transportation has been cut from the district budget and that it is now the school responsibility to fund field trip transportation. The bus driver cost is \$10 per hour and the fuel cost is 50 cents per mile. In addition the cost of the field trips to the Capitol Center for the Arts increased by \$1.50 per ticket last year.

As a result the PTA has decided that parents will need to help with the cost of the field trip to the Capitol Center this year. It will be a minimal cost of \$1 or \$2 to offset the risen expenses. The

PTA donates \$5,000 towards the cost of field trips annually and this additional parent contribution will help meet the field trip costs.

SCHOOL BOND ADDITION UPDATE

The process involved to proceed with the approved bond is as follows:

- The first step was to sell the bond in May
- Next the architects have to generate blueprints from the plans
- The blueprints go out to bid to the contractors
- Anticipated completion of project for fall of 2007

CHRISTMAS CRAFT CLASS

Michele Holbrook is the committee chair for the craft class this year. She has a small committee that has been diligently preparing crafts to offer our children that are adorable and creative. There will be changes this year to the format of the program. No longer will parents be allowed to drop their children off from 9 am to 11 am. The craft class will now be held from 9am to 10:30 am and parents are required to stay while their child completes their crafts. It will only take a maximum of 30 minutes for your child to make 3 crafts of their choice. Parents will be provided a waiting area and offered refreshments while they socialize with other parents. This is a great opportunity for your child to make Christmas gifts on their own that they can wrap and place under your tree to truly surprise you on Christmas morning. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, reply to this e-mail and I will pass your name onto Michele. Volunteers are needed from 8 am – 11:30 am.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Laliberte wished to thank the PTA for their open house participation. Both parents and the booth leaders were appreciative of the format to allow parents to meet with local organizations to find out what our community offers our kids outside of school. The PTA also provided popcorn and juice to the families and it was also much appreciated.

Tomorrow, Mr. Laliberte, advised the PTA that a letter explaining upcoming No Child Left Behind testing would be going home to parents. This is testing required by the federal government and states that 3-4 grades must complete 6 tests and 5th grade must complete 8 tests. These tests will take place between Oct 3rd and October 25th. If a child is absent, the test will need to be made up.

The bench (the red bench sitting to the left as you enter the school) was donated by the PTA to be placed on the playground and it will be placed on the playground as soon as it can be secured properly. Mr. Laliberte is looking for ideas on bench placement. Possibilities include: In the field area to the left by the trees, by the playground sign, or by the gazebo area just as you exit the gym. Send your recommendations back by e-mail and I will forward them to Mr. Laliberte.

Recess Equipment. Mr. Laliberte would like to update/replace worn out playground equipment including soccer balls, kick balls, footballs and other miscellaneous items. He will not allow students to bring their own equipment because that creates problems on the playground. Mr. Laliberte proposed that the PTA donate \$300 from the miscellaneous fund to cover the start up replacement cost for these items. Vote taken: PASSED. Recommended that Mr. Laliberte keep PTA apprised of the future needs for recess equipment and that an annual figure be reported so that the PTA may decide to add a budget line item for this expense.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Debbie Latham advised the PTA President that she would not be heading up the Halloween party this year. Beth will be in contact with the NHIS to see if they will be hosting this event again this year.

MILDRED LAMPRON SCHOLARSHIP

Amanda Wells was the recipient of the Mildred Lampron Scholarship this year.

NEXT MEETING DATE 10/6/2005