

Loudon Elementary School PTA
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2006

In attendance:

Christine Campbell	Cindy Labonte
Sharon Graham	Tracy Koufos
Michelle Drago	Misty Richard
Susan Kowalski	Julie Barker
Tom Laliberte	Beth Mulleavey
Linda Elkins	Sandi Lyle
Laurie Cowan	Christine Roz
Mrs. Marcouillier	Jennifer Becker
Ms. Shields	
Mrs. Skene	
Mrs. Patenaude	
Kim Therrien	

President Christine Campbell opened the meeting by introducing the new Board Members: Sharon Graham, Vice President, Michelle Drago, Treasurer and Susan Kowalski, Secretary.

Summer follow-up - Christine explained her absence from Old Home Day. She had agreed to sell popcorn on behalf of the PTA at the fireworks but her daughter came down with appendicitis. As a result, she was in Massachusetts with her daughter that weekend.

Thank you's - Christine thanked Kim Therrien for donating a Fun Spot gift certificate to replace an item on the calendar raffle at the end of the school year. She also shared a thank you letter from the Maxfield Library for the PTA's donation to the summer reading program and a thank you from Ms. Staples for the field day in June.

Open House - The Board felt the PTA's efforts at the open houses went well. They greeted Kindergarten parents and provided handouts. They felt there was more interest at the grade 1-3 open house than the grade 3-4 open house. They gave out popcorn and sold t-shirts and sweatshirts.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Drago presented the Treasurer's report. The current checkbook balance is \$3,083.81. It was also noted that money from the golf tournament and parking for the NASCAR race was still coming in.

NH PTA Assoc. - Christine discussed the NH PTA association meeting that she and Michelle Drago attended and invited anyone who was interested to attend the association's convention in November. She and Michelle plan to attend and asked the membership if they would approve paying the registration fee of \$25 per person. It was decided to vote on the matter at the October meeting when the membership will have paid their dues.

Dues - The benefits of paying dues of \$3 for membership in the PTA were discussed. Some retailers offer discounts to members. Membership will be required for voting.

Fundraising possibilities were discussed. The value of corporate fundraisers vs. event fundraisers was debated. Cookbooks and products from children's artwork were discussed. A committee was formed to look into fundraisers and will report at the October meeting.

Fall PTA activities were discussed.

A volunteer sign-up form went around for the NHIS **Halloween party**. Christine will check with the track to see if they have set the date for the party.

There was a discussion of the traditional **Christmas Craft Class and Santa's Breakfast** events. It was suggested they be combined in some way, that two events during the holiday season were too much. Neither event currently has a chairperson. Christine suggested a Polar Express night in December and Laurie Cowan suggested a Sundae with Santa event rather than a breakfast. It was felt that the raffle was popular and profitable. A craft fair with items for sale was also discussed. It was suggested a questionnaire be sent home to parents asking their opinion on holiday events.

It was suggested an agenda be included on the next PTA meeting notice.

Under **Other Business**, Kim Therrien expressed her concern that some buses are getting to the school well after the kids are dismissed and asked how long they are waiting. It was thought that the buses are delayed entering traffic from the high school. Mr. Laliberte said all the kids are gone by 3:45 but that he would look into it further.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 6:30 pm.