

PCPA General Meeting  
March 17, 2010

Present: Loralee Schaedel, Janelle Deschino, Jane Bozek, Kim Shur, Michele Zajkowski, Megan McConagha, Amy Stanley, Biz Brewer, Shari Robinson, Karen Hare, Jillian Lengyel, Ashley Werner-Collins, Ang Foley, Josephine Yim, Carmensol Kesselhaut, Sara Page, Eileen Hetrick.

Loralee Schaedel Called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.. Shari Robinson was invited to speak in Tom Eismeier's absence.

**1. Principal's Update - Shari Robinson**

- Shari Robinson noted that Mr. Eismeier was attending a budget meeting. There was a meeting on Monday to discuss the Pond Cove portion of the budget. The Middle School & High School will have meetings later in the week. Mr. Eismeier and Shari Robinson are both encouraged with the budget process, although Pond Cove will take several cuts. The Reading Recovery Literacy program could be eliminated. The teacher's contracts will be up for renewal next year and the bus drivers are already renegotiating their contracts. There are 3 different budgets up for discussion. The details of each can be found on the Cape website. The budget is up for a vote in June.
- Megan McConagha will be adding information on the PCPA website to show where you can send board members your e-mails regarding the budget.
- A grant has been approved from CELT for spring & winter tools for the students and milkweed for the outdoor garden. Another grant for a sundial and thermometer are in the process of being reviewed.
- CEEF has awarded a grant for Wayland Literacy Institute - Responsive Classroom. This included classroom and grade level mentor texts which the students will use for reading & writing in the classroom.

**2. Budget Update - Karen Hare**

- Pure Art Cards has been very successful with a profit of \$4,981.20 to date. We only anticipated a \$4,000 profit this year. Those profits will go into the general funds.
- Boxtops has come in slightly under budget this year.
- The Bingo Raffle is set for March 26<sup>th</sup>. There has only been \$116.00 collected for the DSI prize so money will need to be added to pay for that item. To date, \$1,374 has been raised from raffle ticket sales. A goal of \$3,000.00 was set.
- The Kindergarten picnic had a slight loss of \$42. The picnic was not a friend-raiser rather than a fundraiser. All remaining t-shirts & sweatshirts from a previous fundraiser were sold at the picnic. The budget for the picnic covered the cost of pizza for the night.
- The Mini Grant budget still has \$1,400.00 remaining and the Technology budget still has \$678.00.
- The Eco-bag fundraiser made a profit of approximately \$3,900.00. Several older invoice has just been sent that need to be paid.

### **3. Mini Grants - Jillian Lengyel and Ashley Werner-Collins**

1. Gail Schmader has requested a \$62.50 mini grant to cover the cost of gift certificates from Kettle Cove Ice Cream for the high school students that are volunteer mentors at Pond Cove.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$62.50, all approved.

2. The First Grade team has requested a \$312.70 mini grant to purchase 5 more Me Moves CD's. Mrs. Abbott had piloted the program in her classroom. The program helps students focus in the classroom when they return from lunch or recess. The CD can be shared in other classrooms but cannot be copied. They are played on the smart board which is in each classroom. Thinking Moves will be contacted to see if there a discount for a multiple CD purchase and what the licensing fee is.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$312.70, all approved to vote via e-mail when more information is received.

3. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teachers Mrs. Dow, Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Nickerson have Requested a \$314.84 mini grant to purchase 3 sets of speakers to be used with their existing smart boards. Currently, students listen through the Classroom computer that controls the smart board.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$314.84, all agreed to put the request on hold until a list of what electronics each classroom actually has can be compiled.

4. Karen Dow has requested a \$364.42 mini grant for the Children's Museum of Maine to bring their Story of Istar the Whale to Pond Cove. The cost is \$360.00 for the program and \$4.42 for mileage. This had been covered by the budget in previous years but due to cuts, is not covered this year.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$364.42, all approved.

5. Pond Cove art teacher Mary Jane Johnston has requested a \$1,268 mini grant to purchase 2 tri fold display screens. The screens would be used to display student artwork and could also be used for craft night, sales, etc. Shari Robinson will contact Scholastic to see if they may be purchased through their company with Scholastic Bucks from the Book Fair.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$1,268, all approved to purchase one screen and vote via e-mail on the second screen after Shari Robinson contacts Scholastic.

#### **4. Upcoming Events**

- Bingo Night and Raffle set for early release day March 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Nonesuch Book Fair with MSPA and HSPA.
- Pond Cove 5K. Profits from this event will roll over to next year.

#### **5. Miscellaneous/Open Discussion**

- There is some money left in the Kids Courier budget. An e-mail discussion will be had regarding the budget and any left over monies.
- Playground supplies has money left because there was no purchase request in the fall. An open discussion was started regarding what has/has not worked in the PCPA this year. What are changes you would like make. Is there too much fundraising happening? Not enough? Are there other ways to get parents involved.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m..