

PCPA General Minutes
April 28, 2010

Attendance: Loralee Schaedel, Janelle Deschino, Karen Hare, Jane Bozek, Biz Brewer, Impy Altnauer, Megan McConagha, Linda Burke, Jillian Lengyel, Shari Robinson, Ang Foley, Kim Shur, Christine Mackenzie, Amy Stanley.

Loralee Schaedel called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.. Shari Robinson was invited to speak in Tom Eismeier's absence.

1. Principal's Report - Tom Eismeier

Shari Robinson gave a brief update on the budget status. The town council has approved a tentative budget that will go to residents for approval. If passed, positions in the library will be secure, the reading recovery program will stay in place and class sizes will remain as is.

2. CEEF Update - Christine Mackenzie

Christine noted that the spring grant cycle has ended and Pond Cove has benefited from two CEEF grants.

1. A grant for \$7,476 was given to purchase four smart boards and three projectors. With those purchases, all 1st & 2nd grade classrooms will be equipped with smart boards and projectors. The remaining classrooms will have some technology, not necessarily a smart board.
2. A grant for \$1,917.75 will allow Mrs. Alfiero, Mrs. Spadinger and Mrs. Michaud to attend the Wayland Literacy Institute. The institute will help the teachers gain a deeper understanding of the developmental needs of young writers through a series of workshops.

3. Budget Update - Karen Hare

- The net profits from several fundraisers are: Bingo raffle \$3,400, Bingo night \$715, Pure Art Cards \$5,000, Hannaford dollars \$462 and Boxtops \$2,430.
- Expenses for Arts Day are \$400 under budget.
- In the Mini grant & Technology budgets there is \$258 still available.
- There is \$556 left in Scholastic bucks.

4. Mini Grants - Jillian Lengyel and Impy Altnauer

1. Pam Vose (Pond Cove social worker) has requested a \$133.80 mini grant to purchase DVD's modeling behaviors for students with HFA, Aspergergers and other non-verbal disorders.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$133.80, all approved.

2. Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Dow & Mrs. Nickerson (1st grade teachers) have requested a \$314.18 mini grant to purchase speakers for classroom Smart boards. The speakers being used currently in the classrooms are not adequate.

When asked to vote, the mini grant was put on hold. Speakers will be tested in the classroom for quality before purchases are made.

3. Sara Hollowell (1st grade teacher) has requested a \$92.95 mini grant to Purchase a DVD burner. Each month, the 1st grade creates a Podcast which goes on the school website. The 1st grade team would like to burn a DVD for each child and sent home.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$92.95, all approved.

5. New Pond Cove Media Center Book Donation Program - Linda Burke

The PCPA has teamed with Nonesuch Books creating an exciting new book donation program. This program will help boost the collection of books currently in the Pond Cove media center. Chris Balsa-O'Meara and the teaching staff will compile a list of books they would like to see in the Pond Cove library. A Pond Cove Wish List binder will be kept on hand at Nonesuch Books. The store staff is happy to suggest titles or special order books wanted. Purchases can be made both in person at the store and online using their secure network. Donor books plates will be made available for you to dedicate the book in someone's honor. Gift certificates for future purchases will also be available. Pond Cove will be having a "Percent Party" at Nonesuch from 6-8 p.m. Nonesuch will donate 20% of the profits to the PCPA.

6. Jean Lavalee Award

The school year is almost over and it is time to think about the next recipient of the Jean Lavalee award. The award acknowledges a graduating 4th grade parent for his or her efforts at Pond Cove over the years. Nomination forms will be able for the 4th grade teachers as well as 4th grade parents to vote. The PCPA executive board will vote on the nominations and the award will be presented at the 4th grade celebration. The winners name will go on the plaque in the Pond Cove lobby.

7. Miscellaneous updates - Loralee Schaedel

- Arts day was a positive day. There will be a feedback form available. Picture of the day are requested for the website.
- Teacher Appreciation Week starts May 3rd with a luncheon on Friday May 7th. The teacher lounges in the 2nd grade & 4th grade wings will be painted on Thursday & Friday. Any help is welcome.
- Movie night in May is still under construction.
- Pond Cove 5k is well under way. Andie Mahoney is chairing the event this year but will need a new chairperson for next year. Mike Mahoney will announce the event. The 5K profits will go towards the PCPA's 2010-11 budget. Sponsors who will commit \$10,000.00 over 4 years are needed. Don't forget the CEEF spaghetti dinner the night before the race. The Lengyel & Tinsman families are generously donating again this year.
- 4th grade celebration is being co-chaired by Katie Gillespie, Jillian Lengyel and Kim Gillies. The class gift this year will be a peace pole given in conjunction with the graduating 8th grade class. The pole will be engraved in 4 languages (English, French, Spanish & Latin) with May Peace Prevail on Earth. You can get more information on the website at www.peacepoleproject.org.
- Janelle Deschino still needs a co-president next year. Ang Foley will be taking over as Treasurer and Kim Shur will be the new Secretary.
- The Haunted Harvest will be produced by all three schools this year. As always, more volunteers are needed. October 15th & 16th are the dates for Haunted Harvest. The following weekend is the rain date.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m..