

Minutes

PTC General Meeting

September 10, 2009

1. Call meeting to order
Suzanne Kahn called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.
2. Introductions
Introductions were made of the 2009-2010 Executive Board of the PTC. The Executive Board members are: President-Suzanne Kahn, Past President-Ruthie Rosenberg, VP School Activities-Debbie Oberman, VP Fundraising-Amy Tamul, VP Community Resources-Maria Kotsinis, VP Publicity /Communications-Holly Anderson, Treasurer -Karie Mahler, and Corresponding Secretary-Lisa Chron.
3. Teacher Representative Report -
 - a. Ms. Clark - Winkelman - Ms. Clark reported Kindergarten and 1st grade had their Back to School night on Wednesday September 9th and it went very well. Back to School night for grades 2-5 is Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Winkelman students are implementing the three B's of learning again this year. The three B's are: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Ready to Learn. Ms. Clark discussed the importance of parents and teachers working together again this year and the positive impact it has on students. She thanked the PTC for the technology gifts that had been given and wanted the PTC to know how much teachers appreciated everything the Parent Teacher Club has done for the school, the children and the teachers.
4. Treasurer's Report
Karie Mahler gave the treasurer's report. She reviewed the treasurer's guidelines and discussed the accounts receivable form and tax letter. She reviewed the proposed 2009-2010 budget for this year as well as discussing the proposed and actual budget for the 2008-2009 school year. The PTC reviewed the hand out provided at the meeting. Ruthie Rosenberg made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 budget. It was seconded by Annie Tucker. The PTC voted and unanimously passed the 2009-2010 proposed budget.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Art Enrichment -Art enrichment is a PTC sponsored program where fine art is introduced into every 1st-5th grade class at Winkelman by parent volunteers. The program contacts are Holly Anderson and Niki McIlvain. Currently there are a few classes which still need volunteers. Those classes are 3rd grade - Ms. Lauter, and 5th Grade Ms. Tamillo.

- b. Blizzard Days - Blizzard Days are a fun fundraising opportunity. Kids pre-order Blizzards from Dairy Queen and they are given on designated days throughout the school year. There are 7 Blizzard days at Winkelman and several at Field. Sign up sheets have been distributed. Blizzard Day contacts are Lisa Frumm and Jennifer Gemignani for Winkelman and Marisa Boffa, Sue Americus and Karie Mahler for Field. The first Blizzard day is September 30, 2009 at Winkelman.
- c. Box Tops/Tyson A+ - Gabrielle Skaja reported on Box Tops and Tyson A. District 31 raised about \$500 last year from collecting box tops and turning them into their teacher. Gabrielle encouraged everyone to cut box top stamps off products and to cut the whole label of Tyson A products. She will be distributing a list of box top products in the emailed weekly communications from the schools. The list of products also available on the District 31 website.
- d. Entertainment Books - Entertainment books have been distributed. Sales sheets along with any unsold books are due back on Friday, September 11, 2009. Last year entertainment book sales were \$4,037.50, which surpassed the \$3,000 goal!
- e. Fall Catalog Sales - the Fall Catalog sale begins Thursday September 17, 2009. The PTC is very excited to introduce a new catalog this year offered thru EPI. There is a wider variety of products. Wrapping paper is part of the catalog and cookie dough will also be sold this year. Room Parents are asked to attend a short training session on September 17 and then go to the classroom and share the exciting information with their child's classroom and encourage sales. The training session at Field is 8:30 a.m. and at Winkelman it is at 1:30 p.m. on September 17, 2009. This fundraising event also compliments another fundraising event which is the Halloween on Ice. Kids who sell 10 items will receive a "Ghost Pass" to the Halloween on Ice event. The Ghost pass is free admission to the Halloween on Ice event as well as coupons for free items at that event. It is a \$35.00 value.
- f. Go Green Totes - Maria Kotsinis reported on the totes. The PTC has ordered 272 lunch totes and 500 grocery totes. To date 118 lunch totes and 147 grocery totes have been sold. The lunch totes are \$5.00 each and the grocery totes are \$6.00 each or 4 for \$20.00. There are 154 lunch totes left and 353 grocery totes left.
- g. Halloween On Ice - Ruthie Rosenberg reported on Halloween on Ice event. This is the 2nd year for this family fun fundraising event. It is scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. at the Northbrook Sports Center. There will be cosmic skating with a DJ and a separate rink for beginner skaters. There will be other fun activities happening including a magician, a caramel apple bar and a scavenger hunt. It is a family party not a drop of party. 1 Ghost Pass which includes free

admission will be given to students who sell 10 items from the fall catalog sale...2 Ghost Passes for 20 items etc... Look for more information to come.

- h. Hospitality - The PTC provided a Back to School lunch for 150 of the teachers, staff and administration of District 31 on Monday, August 24th. The PTC also provides meals for teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences and treats throughout the year to demonstrate appreciation for all they do for our children. Also, a few times throughout the year the PTC will ask parents to donate baked goods for the teachers, staff and administration.
- i. Membership and Directory - Lisa Chron reported the District 31 directories are getting ready to go to print. They are looking to distribute them by the end of the month. 430 directories will be printed. The membership in the parent teacher club is 327 families and 65 teachers. Clip boards were distributed asking for volunteers in the following areas: Visual /hearing screening with Nurse Jan Kaplan; volunteers were still needed to help with picture day. Field needs parent volunteers to supervise recess (along with field staff). Interested parents are encouraged to contact the Field office.
- j. One Cause - Amy Tamul introduced OneCause. One Cause was formerly SchoolPOP. It is a fundraising website that turns online shopping into contributions to benefit both Winkelman and Field Schools. It does not cost you anything. Everyone is encouraged to visit www.onecause.com and create a free account, be sure to select Winkelman/Field PTC. Then install the Onecause toolbar in your web browser. It is very easy. You do not have to leave a credit card. After you sign up and install the toolbar, Onecause will automatically contribute a certain percentage of your purchases to our schools. Percentages range from 1% - 15% and include merchants like Target, Amazon, United Airlines, Land's End, Old Navy, and many, many more!! Teachers are encouraged to join too! Amy Gerns is the chairperson for One Cause.
- k. Pre-ordered School Supplies - Lynn O'Dea managed the pre-ordered school supplies this year. She was acknowledged for a job well done! It was well organized!! There were 75 people who didn't pick up their boxes. The Winkelman front office staff, Chris and Kathy acknowledged for their help distributing the boxes not picked up. This will not be allowed next year. Families will need to make arrangements with a friend to pick up their child's pre-ordered school supply box.
- l. Room Parents - Room parents have been selected for K - 8th grade. Thank you to all that volunteered. An introductory meeting was held to distribute folders. Room parents are encouraged to attend PTC meetings and send an email update to their classroom parents after the meeting.

- m. School Store - Sandy Hill is coordinating the school store which is open on Thursdays during lunch at Winkelman from 11 - 12:45 p.m. A sign up sheet for volunteers was circulated. She would also like someone to co-chair this with her.
 - n. Spirit Wear - School spirit wear is chaired - Vivian Haralampopoulos. Spirit wear was sold at Back to School.
 - o. Welcoming Committee - The welcoming committee provided cake refreshments at "Back to School" night for K and 1st grade. Everything went very well.
 - p. Parent Publishing - Danielle Pekay is looking for volunteers for Parent publishing this year. Volunteers are needed editing the stories written by the children K-5. Also typing volunteers are needed. This is something that would be great for grandparents to help with as well.
 - q. Sports Challenge - The Sports challenge is a new event. It is a volleyball tournament with 4 teams of students, parents and teachers. They will play 4 games and have a half time show with entertainment from Winkelman students. The event will take place at Field Middle school and is scheduled on Friday, April 23, 2010. Look for more information to come.
6. Old Business
- a. 2009 Positions -Dan Kohn and Angel Rivera have volunteered for Band Hospitality. Thank you to both Dan and Angel for volunteering!
 - b. PTC Publicity: Everyone was encouraged to report upcoming events to Nancy Wasielewski-Director of Communication so she can promote the information in the paper and on the website.
7. New Business
- a. Centre East Showcase - Representatives from both Winkelman and Field attended the Centre East Showcase and brought back a lot of great ideas.
 - b. Foundation Report - Margaret gave the Foundation report. She shared the first 5 k Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, October 4th. All are encouraged to register. The Foundation's winter benefit is scheduled for February 6, 2010.
8. Principal Reports -
- a. Mrs. Kalant - Winkelman - Mrs. Kalant welcomed everyone back to school. Students 2nd-5th grades are currently taking MAP testing. K-2 are also taking fluency and assessment probes. The science teacher will be incorporating ecology and global warming into the curriculum. Winkelman will continue with RTI. There will also be a focus on introducing Edline this year which is a secure online communication system for parents, teachers and students. Trainings will be held on September 22, 2009.
 - b. Ms. Murphy - Field - Field had 600 people attend the pancake breakfast. The Middle school also had their "Back to School" night which parents

followed the schedule of their child that night. Both events went very well. Assessments are currently underway. Sports and Clubs are starting. There will be a focus on technology this year with Edline beginning. Erin Murphy gave a presentation on Edline.

9. Superintendent Report - Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, welcomed everyone back to the 209-2010 school year. She distributed and discussed the goals for District 31. The goals are technology, facilities, communication, curriculum and instruction, school improvement, appraisal of teacher performance, and finances.
10. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.