

## Dyer School PTA Meeting Minutes January 5, 2010

### **Winterfest Meeting - (Kathy)**

Kathy will send out emails to the Dyer community asking for help with this event. We're serving salad, dominos pizza, bread & ice cream novelties. Charlene discussed the raffle. Kindergarten is organizing games. Grade 1 is helping with salads and set up. Grade 2 is handling clean up.

### **Regular PTA meeting:**

#### **Enrichment – (Sue)**

- \$750 from Slim has been returned to our school. \$785 Hannaford Helps from last year was recently received. February 26 is the next Hannaford Helps deadline. Sue requested to have Let's Go funds taken out of the Friends of Dyer School account and put back into our PTA account. Charlene will check w/Laurie re: how slow checks seem to be clearing...E.g., the Harvest Dinner, sweatshirts/t-shirts...
- Family Fitness nights are coming up for each grade. We'll have multiple stations set up in the gym. They will run from 6 – 7 p.m.
- On January 20<sup>th</sup>, our first grade will be visited by “the science guy” Charles Roland and educated on water cycle and resources. His fee is \$40/hour.
- From February 8-11<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Winter Carnival week – the focus will be on science and exercise. We could use volunteers for this, anyone who has experience w/science and snow... We're waiting to hear from LL Bean. Many organizations cannot help this year due to the economy.
- On February 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have Contradance again. This will run from 5:30-6:30 for grades K-2, and from 6:40-7:40 for Grades 3-5.
- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Environmental Fair. Jeremy Wherren, an engineer who's also a member of the South Portland Land Trust, is working on this fair. It will be held at Dyer. Booths will run from 9:15 – 11:30, followed by lunch, and then they'll take our students out for a clean up project followed by some games and snacks. We also asked Tom, our SP Branch Librarian, to come give a demonstration again. Clean Harbors may come as well... This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day.
- Sue also mentioned two potential exercise programs...
  - Betsy who does hip hop aerobics will come back for K-2.
  - The Red Claws are hopefully coming for grades 3-5.
- Sue purchased 9 sleds for our sledding hill. Charlene's dad may be able to help move the snow around and make the hill slope towards the playground.

**Misc.** - (Charlene)

- Pure Art Cards - Art work is due to Sue H. in February if we still want to do the Pure Art Cards fundraiser again this year. Charlene will ask Ann Clay if she'll head this up again. Kate & Michelle also offered to help Ann.
- Teacher Appreciation Week will be the first week in May. Lisa & Courtney will spearhead this. Monica and Michelle volunteered to be on their Committee. Last year, our families donated gently used items that the teachers may wish to use in their classroom. Last year we also had a luncheon, yogurt smoothies, chair massages. We also gave the teachers reusable shopping bags with students messages on them. And we presented the teachers with a gift card to Wal-Mart, Dyer t-shirts, and Snap Fitness coupons. This has a \$750 budget this year.
- In March, we'll start thinking about nominations for PTA Board members. Associated duties will commence following our May meeting.
- The PTA Directory has not been printed yet. Michelle Hansen volunteered to help Bethany Wilson with this; Charlene will ask Bethany for a status update on this.
- Issues were raised re: Dyer PTA clothing – missing items, sizing problems... parents were instructed to address such concerns to Stacy Duffy.