

Attendance: Teresa Hanrahan, Peggy Bell-Cole, Claudia Scalia, Karla LeClaire, Michael Snopkowski, Mary Coleman, Christine Stewart, Brenda Kramer, Jennifer Martin, Karen Garrick, Karen Lamson.

Minutes: The May 19, 2009 Minutes were presented. Karla motioned to approve the Minutes as presented; Peggy seconded the motion.

Principal's Report:

Mike Snopkowski reported that FSEMS made AYP this past year and set new high marks for reading and math.

Mike also reported that the construction project is still on schedule. The project did affect teachers on a day when they were originally scheduled to have a one-day training session, and this was moved to take place at the technical high school. For the Take-A-Look scheduled for August 26th, teachers will probably not have their classrooms completely set up, but they will still be able to meet with parents and students in the classrooms. Some of the construction items will happen during the school year, but that is slated to take place after school and will not affect students in the classrooms.

Some of the construction changes include six new portable climate-controlled classrooms, with a central hallway connecting them so that students will not have to go outside to change classrooms. Lockers are located in the central hallway rather than the classrooms. Of the six new portables, two have been allocated for District Services and Special Education.

Additional Physical Education space and sports fields have also been added behind the building, but the school will be waiting until spring for grass to grow to make these accessible.

Treasurer's Report: Karla LeClaire reported that the audit was good and taxes are ready to submit. Karla also distributed the Balance Sheet, Banking Summary, and Cash Flow for review.

- Cash and bank accounts total \$12,386.86.
- Liabilities total \$283.96 in sales tax payable.
- Overall total is \$12,102.90.

Teresa distributed copies of the updated budget and noted that the carryover figure is now \$3,400.00. Karen motioned to accept the new budget; Karla seconded the motion; everyone present agreed.

Mike reported that the State of Pennsylvania's per-pupil allocation and program grants have not yet been received due to the current impasse on the state budget. Ten percent (10%) of the school's building funds will be used until the state budget is finalized, which Mike expects will probably last until the end of October. The school will also be giving up the ESL and Strategic Reading positions until the impasse is resolved and the state

budget finalized. In light of this situation, he would like to hold off on suggesting ways to spend the school budget's carryover figure until the state budget is finalized and funds are received.

New Business:

In an effort to keep the district website and individual school websites better up-to-date, Mike reported that a software tool named PowerSchool is being implemented into the school system. This will provide more accessibility and information in one condensed area and will replace the former "In Touch" system, making it easier for parents and students to check grades, attendance, etc. It will also call parents when school is delayed or cancelled. Training on the new system will be needed, and the parent portal will not be ready until October or November.

Mike also reported that the school newsletter will no longer be routinely mailed to students' homes. The newsletter will be published electronically and made available on-line, and hard copies will be available at the school for parents who may not have electronic access.

Teresa distributed copies of a representative slide show that she presents at the PTO meeting on Back-to-School Night. Pre-printed postcards for parents to send to state legislators regarding funding was also discussed.

The McAfee virus protection has expired on the laptop used by the PTO, and the cost is \$50 per year to renew it. It was decided to hold off on renewing this software for the time being.

Old Business:

Teresa reported that the book covers are in, and she was surprised to find that they were not individually packaged. Diana Johnson (chairperson) and other volunteers will be packaging them into sandwich bags, and they will be available for sale at the Take-A-Look afternoon and Back-to-School evening. A sample of each book cover will be displayed on a book, and the empty covers will be pulled from a box underneath the table to be sold to students and parents. All of the book covers are jumbo sized, without logos, and the costs to us were \$1.60 for solids and \$1.75 for prints. It was decided to sell the solids for \$2.00 and the prints for \$2.50.

Committee Reports: Teresa noted that of the Committee Chairs, the Coupon Book Sale position was the only one remaining open. Volunteers will be needed for all activity areas.

Box Tops

Christine Stewart distributed a report showing box tops earnings of \$501.21 through June 30, 2009. She would like to see more people shopping on-line and also noted that competition between classrooms is good.

Restaurant Coupon Sale

Discussion was had concerning new restaurants to approach and possibly add to the coupon list.

Coupon Books

Discussion was had concerning the Kidstuff coupon book vs. the Entertainment book. Peggy suggested asking each company for six boxes to display at the Take-A-Look to gauge responses and interest. Peggy said that she would handle calling the companies for these sample books.

Reading Incentives/Author Visit

It was noted that Edward Bloer, the author of Tangerine, will be the visiting author for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. Discussion will continue this school year as to whether the reading incentives program should be changed to a homework incentives program.

Basketball Fundraiser

Jennifer Martin, the new Committee Chairperson, will be meeting with the former Basketball Committee members this Friday. Discussion was had about actively getting parents to sign up for baskets at the Take-A-Look on August 26.

Newsletter

Brenda Kramer, the new Committee Chairperson, noted that subjects covered in the initial fall newsletter, in addition to a welcome letter from Principal Snopkowski, include box tops, the restaurant coupon sale, sale of the hard-to-find jumbo book covers, and a request for volunteers for both the Book Fair and the Basketball Fundraiser. A suggestion was made to ask for three half-day volunteers for Picture Day on October 1.

Upcoming Dates:

- Take-A-Look: Wednesday, August 26, 1:00pm
- Back-To-School Night: Thursday, September 17, 6:45pm
- Restaurant Coupon Sale: September 21 – October 2
- Picture Day: October 1
- Next PTO Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 7:00pm

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am.