

Olander PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: September 5, 2006

Welcome to Parents and Teachers

Parents and teachers were welcomed to PTO and encouraged to participate. The goal of this year's PTO Board is to improve communication.

Ice Cream Social Review

- 6 tubs of ice cream were served, 3 vanilla and 3 chocolate. We could have used more!
- We went through 500+ cones
- It was less hectic without the bike rodeo.
- There were less 4th, 5th, and 6th graders, which lead to a discussion of how to encourage more participation from the older grades.

Back to School Night

- PTO will sponsor its first ever Back to School Night PTO Fair from 6:15 – 6:45 p.m.
- PTO will have information tables set up for Event Coordinators
- Refreshments will be served.

1st and 2nd Grade Grant Requests

- We have not received any specific requests yet.
- The new ½ day kindergarten teacher needs beginner readers for her classroom library. PTO still has vouchers from last year's Book Fair that need to be used and there was a suggestion that these could be donated to her.

Pictures

- PTO would like everyone to take pictures at classroom, field trips, and school-wide events. Send them to Julie Wallin at julwallin@yahoo.com to be posted on the website. You can also transfer them to a CD and send them to Julie in that format. These pictures can also be used for yearbook. PTO is calling this effort the "Olander Paparazzi."

Soup Cans

- Joel Sumearl of American Educational Supplies is looking for 500-1000 12 oz washed soup cans without labels. His company makes a Weather Forecasting station. He can pay \$.05 per can and would like to also pay with product. He needs 125 cans by Friday. There was a suggestion that the 5th graders could take on this soup can collection project and use the money for Eco Week fundraising. Joel will communicate directly with the 5th grade teachers to coordinate this project.

Pump It Up Family Fun Night

- There was a general discussion regarding the pros and cons of this fundraiser for March.
- Tickets would cost each child \$6.00 and Olander would receive \$3.00 of each ticket. Pump It Up has two rooms that can hold 60 people each for a 2-hour block. K-3 and 4-6 will be in separate rooms. Olander can sell refreshments.
- Olander has to sell 30 tickets.
- Brian will check with Risk Management.
- PTO will come back with a formal plan after checking to see what times the 200 free bonus coupons can be used.

Communication/Phone System

- The website is being updated by Julie Wallin.
- Olander can use the district phone system to send automatic phone calls to Olander parents to inform them of school events. There was a general discussion of the number of calls that might be acceptable to parents and effective as a way to let parents know about events. PTO meetings and Family Fun nights were mentioned as important enough to warrant a call. Parents can opt out of the phone system calls on the sheet sent home in the PTO information packets. It was also suggested that phone messages end with a reminder to check the website for more information. PTO will poll parents to see what types of messages they want to receive via this system.

Movie Night

-A list of movie suggestions for the October 13th Family Fun Movie Night was presented. The pros and cons of various movies were discussed. Parents who were present were asked to write their suggestions on the feedback form and PTO will vote on a movie.

Room Parent Support on Website

-Suggestions and ideas were presented to include on the website to help room parents with healthy snack ideas and candy alternatives for class parties. PTO would like to encourage healthy celebrations this year so links to information will be offered to help room parents find this information. There was also a discussion regarding how to improve communication between room parents and PTO. Room parents are always advised to check with teachers first for guidance on how each teacher prefers to celebrate Halloween, the December holiday party, and Valentine's Day.

Next Meeting

- PTO meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 6:45 p.m. at school.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen McCluskey Papile
September 6, 2006