



General Meeting Minutes for the 2010-2011 Academic School Year

September 27, 2011

Wilkins Library

These are May's meeting minutes up for approval as there was no meeting in June.

PTA Members in attendance: 11

President: Sara Derushia
Co-Vice Presidents: Caryn Starace & Denise Alderson
Secretary: Sandra Carbery
Treasurer: Michele Donoghue
Member at Large: Barbara Baum

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

President's Report

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Music Man went very well. 5 performances, Playbill was a huge success. Next play will be Oklahoma in April of 2012
- ❖ Fashion Show Update: 18 girls from AMS modeled. The Gap sponsored the show. Pizza was provided by Moulton's Market
- ❖ Silver Graphics Art had another successful year.
- ❖ Need 3 magazine drive chairs or the program will be cut.

Vice President's Report: Caryn Starace and Co-VP Denise Alderson

- Online Auction still needs 2 corporate volunteers
- Last Day of School is June 24th.
- Registration day is August 25th 8am-5pm at AMS. Gerry has suggested moving registration to Wilkin's.
- Discuss putting forms on-line.
- We need registration day volunteers

Treasure's Report

- Voted in April financials. 1st Porter Dodge 2nd Jil Romano
- Highlights –Kids Art \$7620.00, Magazine Drive 15,465.00, Membership \$3100.00 play \$8,500, Playbill \$6,200.00 Online Auction \$5700, Fashion Show,

Secretary's Report

- Approved minutes from April meeting. Motion to accept Michele Donoghue, 2nd Caryn Starace
- September nominating committee will vote in new members

Principal's Report

Porter Dodge ~ Amherst Middle School

Testing:

NWEA for all grade levels has begun and will continue through the month. Science NECAPS for grade 8 will be on Wednesday and Thursday, May 11 and 12.

Transition:

Fourth to fifth grade transition evening is this Wednesday night May 11, from 4:45pm to 8pm. Fourth grade students and their parents come for an intro to AMS, including a video on "Day in the Life of a Fifth Grader", tour, meet the counselors and teachers, etc.

(Mr. Ballard and Mr. Brunelle visited fourth grade at Wilkins on April 19 to introduce them to their music options for next year at AMS.)

Mont Vernon parents will visit AMS on May 25 for an introduction to AMS; this is a follow up to a visit to MVVS parents by Porter in April and a visit to MVVS students by Tom Knapp and other staff prior to vacation.

Other May Dates:

May 10: Global Science Expo, 7th grade science fair 12:15-1:45pm

May 13: 5th grade DARE Graduation, 7:45am-10am

May 13: AMS Progress Reports will be issued

May 13: AMS Dance, grades 6-8

May 16-18: 6th grade visits MFA in Boston

May 18: Meeting for 5th grade parents on 6th grade environmental school, 6pm AMS cafe

May 20: Friends of Rachel talent show to benefit the Japanese relief efforts

May 27 is a school day for all students (in service day has been re-scheduled).

June Dates

June 2: 7th and 8th grade chorus concert, AMS, 7pm

June 3: AMS Dance, grades 6-8

June 7: 5th grade band and chorus concert at 6pm; 6th grade band and chorus concert at 7pm

June 8: AMS Jazz band visits Wilkins

June 9, 10, 14: 5th grade visits Beaver Brook

June 9: 7th and 8th grade band concert, AMS, 7pm

June 13: Baseball/softball awards night

June 14: Track and Field awards night

June 15: 8th grade academic recognition night, AMS

June 16: Grade 7 Field Day

June 17: 8th grade 60's BBQ

June 20: 8th grade Hampshire Hills Celebration

June 20: 6th grade Olympics at SHS track

June 21: 6th grade Greek plays and BBQ

June 21: 7th grade to visit Fenway Park

June 21: 5th grade to visit Canobie Lake Park

June 23: 8th grade graduation rehearsal/awards will be in the AM

June 23: 8th grade graduation in the evening, followed by 8th grade only dance

June 24: Last day of school, full day for all AMS students

June 24: Step up day for Wilkins 4th, AMS 5/6/7 grades

Gerry St. Amand ~

Report to the Amherst PTA

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Prepared by: Gerard J. St. Amand, Principal, Clark-Wilkins School

- **NWEA assessments in reading and mathematics for all students in grades two, three, and four will continue through the balance of this week, with make-ups scheduled for next week.**
- **For the May 10th Late Start, the majority of staff members attended sessions related to technology, facilitated by Beth Cregan.**
- **Fourth grade teachers worked on test preparation for the NECAP Science administration that will occur this week.**
- **Grade One classes will have presentations by PMEC on the topic of sound.**
- **The Clark-Wilkins Writing Festival will occur during the week of May 23, in spite of the absence of our scheduled author who is recuperating at home from recent medical issues. Mrs. McIntyre has made arrangements for books to be autographed for those individuals who are interested.**
- **All families have been invited to attend Open House at the Wilkins School library during regularly scheduled class times this week.**
- **Third Grade Colonial Week will take place during the week of May 16.**
- **Almost all classes at Wilkins participated in the "Wilkins School Walk-about" that took place between Wednesday, May 4 and Friday, May 6, 2011. Each participating class completed four full laps around the Wilkins School, which is equivalent to one mile per individual.**
- **Under the auspices of the Amherst Junior Women's Club, all Wilkins School classes will participate in the Walk-a-thon on May 18.**

Committee Chair Reports

General Reminders

- September 20th is our next general meeting.
- Deborah Cordts coming to give a talk on school board
- Boys and girls Club will be here to talk about their organization.
- Adjournment

Motion was made by Sara Derushia to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm, and Sandra Carbery seconded the motion.

Submitted by:

Sandra Carbery

Secretary