



General Meeting Minutes for the 2009 – 2010 Academic School Year

May 11, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Wilkins Library

PTA Members in attendance: 13

Co-Presidents: Gillian Smith
Sara Derushia
Vice President: Denise Alderson
Secretary: Sharon Campbell
Treasurer: Michele Donoghue
Board Member at Large: Gretchen Pyles

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

President's Report

- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance

Secretary's Report

The minutes from the May 2010 meeting were reviewed at the meeting. The first motion to accept was by Denise Alderson, Sara Derushia seconded the motion. The May 2010 meeting minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Treasurer's report regarding the May 2010 financials were reviewed at the meeting and copies were available to all that were present. Porter Dodge, moved to accept the financials for May as presented and this motion was seconded by Gillian Smith. The May 2010 financials were accepted as presented.

Principal's Report

Porter Dodge ~ Amherst Middle School

- 8th Grade graduation June 18th, 8th Grade step up day June 21st.
- Porter was in the Dunk Tank on June 18th because the NEWA scores went up, made a deal.
- 60's events and BBQ for 8th graders on June 11th.
- Assistant Vice Principal search, 13 candidates, hope to present name June 24th.
- June 14th 8th Grade at Jasper Valley, 5th grade going to Beaver Brook this week.
- Athletic awards on June 8th, and academic awards on June 10th.

Gerry St. Amand ~ Clark-Wilkins School

- First Grade classes will be visiting Peabody Mill Environmental Center this month.

- Third grade classes are conducting their Amherst Walking History Tour this week, which will culminate with lunch on the Village Green on Friday, June 11.
- We hope to have student representation – some of our current third graders – at the Amherst 250th Celebration in September 2010.
- Thanks to the efforts of the Clark-Wilkins Retirement Committee, Fay Deysher and Denise Morse were recognized with a celebration at the Mile Away Restaurant on Monday, June 7, 2010.
- All students, including incoming Kindergartners and newly registered students who have not previously attended Clark-Wilkins, will participate in Step-up Day on Monday, June 21.
- Teachers will set up Parent Information Sessions/Coffees during the first two weeks in September.
- Based on the results of our recent parent survey, all six sections of Kindergarten scheduled for the upcoming school year will remain half-day programs.
- The Clark-Wilkins Scheduling Committee has been meeting throughout May and early June to look at different ways we might adjust our scheduling practices to better meet the needs of all student learners and the needs of our staff members.
- Report cards, including NWEA results and Teacher Welcome letters, will go home with all students on the last day of school – Monday June 21, 2010.
- Students who will not attend the last day of school may make arrangements to pick up their report cards at the school offices.
- Field Day 2010 proved to be a resounding success at both buildings thanks to the leadership efforts of Linda Narducci and David April, along with hundreds of parent and staff volunteers.
- Under the direction of Christine Janson, chairperson of the SAU39 Board, an SAU-wide Wellness Committee is being formed to review current wellness policies and practices across all three districts.
- David April is receiving a state award.

School Board Report

- ❖ ***Rob Graybill, School Board Representative*** – absent – no report

Committee Chair Reports

Curriculum Enrichment Chairs Jil Romano, Gretchen Pyles and Ruth Infanti gave updates on Specials presentations. Most events wrapped up for the year.

New Business

- Vote on changes to By Laws will be held at September meeting, last update was done on October 2007, need to be completed by Oct 10, 2010. Will post the changes online to the PTA website for anyone that would like to preview.
- 2010 Nominees all voted into proposed positions. New Board:
 - Sara Derushia – President
 - Denise Alderson – Vice President
 - Michele Donoghue – Treasurer
 - Saundra Carbery – Secretary
- On-line Auction on schedule for the Fall, letter on website for donors to download, Jay Cohen is managing the auction website, e.g. Rent a Teen for yard work service, etc. Donations are tax deductible.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Michele Donoghue to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm, and the motion was seconded by Jil Romano.

Submitted by:

Sharon Campbell

Secretary

Next Meeting to be determined, September 2010