

**Partnership Elementary School
Board Meeting
September 03, 2009**

Members Present:

Mark Kenjarski	Senior Partner
Patricia Townsend	Senior Partner
Lynn Ashby	PTA President
Holly Camak	PTA Vice President
Lissa Johnsen	PTA Treasure
Juan and Gwendolyn Avery	PTA Secretary
Antonella Longo	Cultural Arts
Jenny Wells	Landscaping
Kerry Little	Community Builder
Donna Atkinson	School Improvement
David Wisz	School Improvement
Beckie Jarrett	Spirit Wear/Legislative
Veronia Cherry	Reflections
Mary Hunter Martin	Ways & Means
Arden McFarlane	Ways & Means (Frolic)

Welcome/Call to Order/Approval of Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Lynn Ashby

July minutes were approved as written. Motion made to approve the minutes and 2nd by the board/committee.

Financial Report – Treasure:

Lissa Johnsen presented to the PTA board revisions of the P&L budget due to the board supporting the decision to help fund 50% teacher to assist in the 3rd grade classes vs. having a 40% teacher and this will increase the amount of time students have with a teacher. The primary reason for change was the cut in education (teachers).

Committee Reports

Ways and Means Committee:

This year's Frolic goal is \$19k. Things are looking better but hoping for more donations of items for the baskets, especially items from Trader Joes due by next Friday. The committee is looking for a person to travel in Cary, NC to solicit donations from businesses; parents to provide extra baskets and help in putting those baskets together,

and encourage raffle ticket sales. The Frolic is two weeks away and the kids are very excited.

Service Projects:

Kerry Little – Community Builder has provided several projects to help raise money for Partnership Elementary. Some of the service projects that were discussed:

- Adventure Landing Night (3 hours) – October 21, 2009: \$12; unlimited golf, laser tag and go-carts. Partnership gets \$7 and Adventure Landing gets \$5.
- Starbucks: Manager will sell a ½ lb of coffee to sell. Partnership gets \$5 and Starbucks gets \$5.
- City pass booklets with coupons – offer to purchase at Frolic or front desk.

Cultural Arts Committee:

Antonella Longo presented several cultural art ideas for the 2009-2010 school year. Some of those ideas presented were Michael Cooper (dance), Jungle book, and a percussionist, along with other ideas. Also, a proposal was presented to the PTA board about having a writer's workshop for the students.

Hospitality Committee:

The hospitality committee will continue support our Partnership teachers by:

- Providing monthly goodies
- Celebrating teacher's birthdays with cake
- Teacher Appreciation Week - week of April 19th
- Early release luncheon during teacher appreciation week
- Catered luncheon for teachers and staff - June 1st

Also, the committee will assist in making 400 Frolic goodies.

Reflections:

Reflections will begin after the Frolic and the theme for this school year is Beauty Is.....

Spiritwear Committee:

The committee has reported \$1,450 has been raised in the sale of school spirit wear.

Senior Partner Reports

Mark Kenjarski:

- Thank the PTA board for assisting in getting the additional 50% teacher support for 3rd grade.
- Gina Defalco – new teacher to join Partnership staff, Wednesday, September 09, 2009.
- Facility issues being addressed:
 - Drainage
 - Construction (play area)
 - Grass seeds planted
 - Researching gate issue (may see engineers doing research on school grounds)

Patricia Townsend:

- 100% PTA staff membership
- Track out is fast approaching and information has been sent home with students if any financial assistance is needed during this time.
- Sept. 24, 2009 – PBS (positive reinforcement): reward for purple tickets-students have been collecting for good behavior will have a fun day at Fletcher Park.
- Ms. Shepard is working on writing a grant to get funded money to help students at Partnership.

Issues Bin:

Foundation update: Partnership Elementary to establish a Foundation outside of the PTA board to assist in funding that will not come through the PTA board. This will have a lasting impact on Partnership were monies can be held to purchase big items for the future. The treasure will serve both on the PTA board and Foundation. A motion was made to create the Foundation and second by the board.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm