

Dewing PAC Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2009

<p>PAC Meeting Minutes Meeting Date: March 12, 2009</p>

DECISIONS AND/OR VOTES

#	MOTION	FIRST	SECOND	VOTE RESULT
1	Reimburse Cheryl Edwards \$774.05 for DI Expenses	T. Ward	J. Pendola	Approved
2	Teacher Request for Headphones and Rack to place them on in the amount of \$116 plus Shipping (Mrs. Cintolo and Mrs. Chasen)	S. Pothier	T. Ward	Approved
3	Purchase a gift from Mrs. Kosiba to thank her for her work on the Square 1 Art Fundraiser this year. Purchase price to be no more than \$75	L. Gill	J. Pendola	Approved
4	Approve Financials from 2/5/09 through 3/12/09	L. Gill	S. Pothier	Approved
6	Adjourn Meeting at 9:10 PM	M. Barrall	E. Paulding	Approved

MEETING AGENDA

TOPIC	DISCUSSION LEAD
I. Introductions/Welcome/Elections/Committee Head Openings for 2009/2010 School Year	Krissy Polimeno
II. Principal's Update	Mr. Paul and Miss King
III. Special Speaker - Jayne Miller	Jayne Miller
IV. Vote on Meeting minutes from February	Melissa Lane
V. Review and Vote on Financials	Arthy Bennett
VI. Fundraising	Loretta Ryan
VII. Other Events and Projects	Krissy Polimeno
VIII. Questions or Comments	

ATTENDEES

Officers

Attended	Role	Name	Email Address
Yes	Chairperson	Krissy Polimeno	philandkristen@comcast.net
Yes	Vice Chairperson	Loretta Ryan	macnmad@comcast.net
Yes	Treasurer	Arthy Bennett	Bennetts2000@yahoo.com
Yes	Secretary	Melissa Lane	mdlane117@comcast.net

Members: The Secretary retains the attendance list. It is not distributed with the minutes.

I. Introductions/Welcome

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- Krissy Polimeno called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and everyone introduced himself or herself.
- Candidates for Treasurer Position spoke to the group and expressed why they would like to be considered. Election Ballots were passed out and collected. The new Treasurer is Keri Barry.
- Krissy Polimeno spoke to the group about the various Committee Head openings for the 2009/2010 school year. Volunteers are needed to head the following committees: Photo and Publicity and Newspaper Liason; All School Memos; Bulletin Board; and Dew Gooders. In addition, she announced that Maggie Butler will step down as chair of the Copy and Laminating Group but Lori ElHakim will be taking it over. Anyone interested in chairing a committee should contact Krissy Polimeno at philandkristen@comcast.net

II. Principal's Message

- Mr. Paul spoke to the group telling them that he continued to be impressed with the parent involvement at the school. He attended the Grade 4 Pizza Party and thought it was wonderful. He was impressed by how well behaved the children were.
- He would like to see more staff involvement in activities and the monthly newsletter.
- He also stressed that parents need to go out and vote on April 4th. In addition, they should be supporting the High School building project in his opinion.

III. Special Speaker

- Jayne Miller, Candidate for School Committee election, spoke to the group about the importance of voting on April 4th. She urged anyone who would be out of town on the 4th to get an absentee ballot.
- Mrs. Miller also told the group that a new education fundraising committee is being formed and its goal is to raise \$50,000 in the first year. It will be modeled after the Acton/Boxborough fundraising committee in existence now.

IV. Meeting Minutes

- Because the meeting Minutes from February were not displayed on the web site well in advance of the meeting, the vote to approve minutes will be delayed until the April Meeting.

V. Review Financials

- Arthy reviewed the financials from February 5, 2009 through March 12, 2009.
- Income (\$ 6,011.47) from: Lowell Spinner Ticket Orders, 4th Grade Pizza Party, Got Books, School Store and Fashion Disaster.
- Disbursements (\$2,674.99) for: Art and Enrichment, BoxTops, laminate supplies, 4th Grade Pizza Party supplies, hospitality, Roller Kingdom down payment, postage for IRS mailing, photo collages, gift card expenses and school store.

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- Arthy reviewed the Income and Expense statement. The current PAC balance is \$20,716.63. Outstanding items are copier leasing, field trip buses, Arts & Enrichment items that the PAC members have previously approved totaling to \$4,774.55. Which leaves \$15,942.08 total funds available.
- Arthy informed the group of a Staff Requests from Mrs. Cintolo and Mrs. Chasen for 7 Headphones and Racks to place them on in the amount of \$116 plus shipping. The group agreed to purchase the headphones and racks (see vote above).
- The financials were approved (see vote above). The Treasurer retains the official financial reports. Financial reports furnished upon request to any PAC member.

VI. Fundraising

- Loretta Ryan told the group about the terrific success of the Paper Retriever bins. They have collected 7 Tons which saves the Taxpayers \$71.74/ ton because it did not go into a landfill.
- We received a check from BoxTops in the amount of \$2,432.22. The next contest is combined with Campbells and the prizes are stuffed animals.
- In Ginny Perron's absence, Loretta Ryan told the group that we are currently doing a Wendy's Dine out night for the month of March and the first week raised \$150 for the PAC. Burger King and Dish will be coming up in April and May.
- Loretta Ryan also reported that the PAC raised \$340 from Hannaford's receipt program this year.
- Kim Keefe told the group about the tremendous success of the Dewing Spinners night. She will have final numbers at the April meeting.
- Melissa Lane reported on Square 1 Art. Artwork has been sent to Square 1 and the order forms will go out the first week in April. She also would like to present Mrs. Kosiba with a small gift to thank her for all her hard work with the kids on this project. It goes beyond her curriculum and is not required of her. The group supported the idea and it was voted (see above) that we would spend up to \$75 on the gift.
- Krissy Polimeno reported on the School Store that continues to do very well. This year the store has made \$2,016.71 for the PAC.
- Melissa Lane spoke about the Coin Drive coming up during the week of March 16th. After speaking with the principals, it was determined that all the money raised will go into purchasing indoor recess activities for every classrooms.
- Melissa Lane told the group that Fashion Disaster was a huge success with many staff members and students taking part.

V. Other Events and Activities

- A. Budget Advisory Council - Michelle Beckman spoke to the group about the status of this committee. On March 24th the committee will start developing formalized recommendations for the School Committee. On the 18th of March there will be a public hearing at the School Committee Meeting so that parents can express their concerns. On March 31st the BAC will present their ideas to the School Committee. Michelle also had some interesting stats for the group. The School Committee Budget makes up 60% of that 80% goes to employee compensation. In addition, 35% of the registered voters in this town have children in the school system.

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- B. Library Card Drive - Paige Impink told the group about the status of the Library Card drive for the 2nd Grade. At meeting time 29 new cards and 9 replacement cards were ordered. She has placed a graph on the library window showing how many applications were returned in total. Children who turned in their applications (whether they have a card or not) will be entered to win a bookmark or chapter book.
- C. Cheryl Edwards spoke about Destination Imagination and requested that the PAC cover the cost of t-shirts(\$165) for the tournament. In making her presentation, the PAC was also made aware that she had spent \$774 of her own money to help the teams at the Dewing School. Although Cheryl did not intend to ask the PAC for a reimbursement, it was voted on and approved that the PAC will reimburse Cheryl the \$774(see above vote). Cheryl will give the PAC Treasurer, Arthy Bennett the receipts for these purchases. In addition, Cheryl will present the PAC with a budget to be voted on for next year.
- D. Shawsheen Technical High School Scholarship winner was chosen at random by Tammy Ward. The winner will, Ashley Gorman, was chosen out of 6 candidates.
- E. Arts and Enrichment - Krissy Polimeno spoke to the group about the events that have been held in the last month. Collages have been created on Curious Creatures and Wind Masters and are in display in the front hall for everyone to see. Loretta Ryan also spoke to the group about the upcoming In The Bin Recycling presentation being held for the 2nd Grade classes.
- F. Dew-Gooders - Beth McFadyen spoke to the group about the Anton's Coat Drive and told the group that the Dewing School was chosen to receive a Pizza Party but because of the food policy it has been requested that we do an Arts and Enrichment activity with the funds allotted for the pizza. Anton's was very kind to consider this and will give us \$800 towards and activities. Both Johnny the K (entertainer) and a Magician were discussed. In the end it was decided that Beth would look into getting Johnny the K to do an entertaining presentation on doing good in the community. Whatever is left over for fund will be used to off set the cost of the Ice Cream Social for families.

Beth also told the group about an upcoming Catalog Reduction Program that will be put together by the Dew-Gooders. It will be an at home project and more details will come home in backpacks during the first week in April.
- G. Maggie Butler spoke to the group about the 4th Grade Celebration. The pizza party was a success with over 180 parents and kids attending. The end of the year celebration will be held on June 12th.
- H. Lisa Gill spoke to the group about the Staff Luncheon being held in May. The luncheon will have a sports theme. Donations or decorations, food and time are needed.
- J. Movie night - Krissy Polimeno spoke to the group about perhaps having another Movie Night. The group was undecided but said they would go out and get opinions and see what other parents have to say. A final decision will be made at the April meeting.

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H. Kindergarten Owl - Mr. Paul told the group about an exciting but sad event that happened to the Kindergarten children. Outside their classroom an injured owl was found. They contacted the Animal Rescue League in Groton and the owl was brought there to mend. They receive periodical updates on the owl and the rescue league hopes to release the bird soon.

IX. Comments/Questions

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.
- Minutes were prepared by Melissa Lane