

Sowams School PTO Meeting  
October 4, 2010

**In Attendance:** Darlene DeRosa, Diane Ballou, Devon Egge, Jenny Gaynor, Maria Suarez, Suzanne Tedeschi-Freij, Susan Kostas, Matthew Conway, Meghan Raffa, Diedre Wexler, Linda Testa, Monika Garafano, Leanne Berlinsky, Alisa Catani, Chase Kazounis, Eileen Brady, Nicole Jellinek, Jim Callahan

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:02 pm

**Approval of Minutes from September Meeting:** Copies of minutes were provided. Motion was made to approve meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

**Barrington High School After-Prom**

Patty Schwartz and MJ Chooley

- After-Prom is open to all seniors and provides safe activity for students. Looking for support and donations, as it is without cost to students. [barringtonafterprom@gmail.com](mailto:barringtonafterprom@gmail.com) if interested in volunteering or donating.

**Presidents' Report:**

Alisa Catani and Leanne Berlinsky

- Volunteers still needed for Sowams Speedway (M, W, F); back-up to help Cindy Rosengard with putting together Backpack Express
- Mismatched for Mrs. Fallgren Day—huge success! Will help with groceries and Neely House.
- Welcome Back picnic was well attended.

**Treasurers' Report:**

Eileen Brady

- Reviewed income/expenditures thus far.

**Principal's Report:**

Jim Callahan

- Phil is new custodian, moved from Primrose. Carlos retired today after serving for 24 years. Town meeting tomorrow October 5 to celebrate Carlos.
- It's Fire Prevention Week.
- Morning drop off has been chaotic—parents please don't use circle driveway if you want to get out of car but park in lot instead.
- NECAP going on this week and next.
- Directory is going home tomorrow or Wednesday—if more than 1 child in family it will go home with the eldest.
- Jenny Gaynor is new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, taught previously 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Loop at Hampden Meadows for 7 years.
- Vaccination clinic sponsored through schools again this year--Sowams is December 8<sup>th</sup> at Barrington High School. Forms sent home that need to be returned in order to get a vaccination.

**Teacher's Report:**

Jenny Gaynor and Devon Egge

- Nice to see community rally behind Mrs. Fallgren. Thanks to Matthew Conway for taking over Sowams Speedway; still need volunteers!

**School Committee Report:**

Maria Suarez

No update.

**Octoberfest:**

Alisa Catani and Leanne Berlinsky

- Volunteer spots filled!
- “Mystery Bag” fliers to go home in Backpack Express.
- T-shirts to be sold ahead of time—forms will be sent home next week.
- Bay Team will have table at Octoberfest. (Sowams liaison is Chase Kazounis.) Table will have games, prizes, raffles, educational materials.

**SEAC Update:**

Heather Navarro and Rose Murrin

No update.

**New Business:**

Susan Kostas suggested book swap to manage overload of books. Possible for January 2011 PTO meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.**