

Sowams School PTO Meeting  
September 13, 2010

**In Attendance:** Michelle Goncalves, Cindy Coyne, Suzanne Tedeschi, Kristin White, Michelle Colby's mom, Matthew Conway, Cindy Rosengard, Diane Ballou, Kim McDermott, Jill Ingham, Lisa Daft, Andrea Epstein, Colleen Bernier, Catherine McBride, De MacGillivray, Adela Felag, Lorell Urbahns, Kristin Materne, Michelle Ourabka, Darlene DeRosa, Meirav Werbel, Leanne Berlinsky, Alisa Catani, Chase Kazounis, Eileen Brady, Nicole Jellinek, Jim Callahan

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:04 pm

**Introduction of new board.**

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

**Presidents' Report:**

Alisa Catani and Leanne Berlinsky

- Welcome Back picnic Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> for dinner/games/Dells
- Fundraiser for Angela Fallgren—husband ill and in Boston; raise \$ for funding of Neely House and food. Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup>, kids bring \$2, wear crazy clothes; Mismatched for Mrs. Fallgren Day
- Open PTO Positions for 2010-2011
  - SEAC representative
  - Third Grade Reception
  - Teacher Appreciation Week
  - Sowams Speedway—need co-chair
  
  - Also need recess volunteers, library volunteers, assembling Backpack Express hard copies

**Treasurers' Report:**

Eileen Brady

Copies of 2010-2011 budget were provided and reviewed. Motion was made to approve 2010-2011 budget. Unanimously approved.

**Principal's Report:**

Jim Callahan

- School closed tomorrow because of Election Day.
- Enrollment up—total is 281; only 3 sections in 1<sup>st</sup> grade.
- Only making about 30 copies of Backpack Express! Using email saves significant money in paper and toner.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade NECAP – Oct 4, 5, 8 Reading; Oct 12, 13, 14 Math
- Security System in place; locked at 8:25 am; not unlocked at pickup time. Everyone needs to check in at the office.
- New “No-Food Policy”—allergies and food sensitivities have made it complicated to provide food safely, so no longer food celebrations in classroom. Snacks are now had in

classrooms instead of outside so kids can wash hands before going outside to playground equipment. Birthdays recognized in morning in assembly.

**Teacher's Report:**

Adela Felag and Patty Ridlon

Snack in classroom; make clear what is snack so it will go quick!

**Green Team:**

Kristen Materne and Nicole Jellinek

We need volunteers!

**School Committee Report:**

Meirav Werbel

First school committee meeting in October.

**Octoberfest:**

Lisa Daft

Scheduled for October 16, 10 – 3. This is the biggest fundraiser for Sowams PTO.

Volunteers needed, especially for class games, co-coordinator for entire Octoberfest (as LD will be leaving after next year), need someone to coordinate food as well; silent auction helpers.

See Colleen Bernier, Matthew Conway who are volunteer coordinators for any time you can give.

Need more donations for Silent Auction.

Looking for places to borrow tables.

**SEAC Update:**

No update.

**New Business:**

None.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.**

Green Team

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