

**Summit Street School PTO Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 10, 2012 6:30 PM**

**Officers in attendance:**

Christy Fay, Co-Chair  
Sachi Hergesheimer, Co-Treasurer  
Casey Carmolli, Secretary

**Staff in attendance:**

Mary Hughes, Principal  
Ashley Wageman

**Total attendance: 7**

**Welcome and Introductions**, Christy Fay

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the Staff Dessert Swap and Non-Food Drive. The PTO received a thank you note from the staff for the desserts. There was plenty to go around. Thank you to Mindy Diebler for coordinating this. Christy brought her kids with her to deliver the boxes to the Heavenly Pantry. The pastor was so pleased and overwhelmed by Summit's generosity. There is a definite need for non-food items. The students loved the donation totals graph, which was posted around the school.

**Principal's Report**, Mary Hughes

- Mary shared her stories of the month. Come to next month's meeting to hear some more gems.
- Mrs. Hamilton's class presented a moving tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. at today's assembly. Book Flicks, new technology, was used to highlight text on a screen as a book was read. The Kindergarteners sang a song by heart with loud, clear voices. Parents were given clickers to participate in a trivia game. The results were posted in a pie chart. The assembly was filmed by a parent and may be available soon through the school's website or on you tube (w/ password.)
- Thank you to everyone for their holiday thoughtfulness and for participating in the Sing-a-long and Non-Food Drive.
- Students will be off on MLK day. Staff will be working with consultant, Susan Titterton, who has been a professional coach throughout this school year. The topic will be incorporating choice into the classroom, which results in more motivated and engaged students.
- The next playground meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. New faces have joined the effort. We are optimistic about making Phase I a reality this summer. Please join us.
- Universal Math Screening is a new assessment tool to be used in addition to Everyday Math. Students in all grades will answer questions on computers. It is quick, about 10-15 minutes. Jade Hazard, Math Specialist is piloting this program at Summit and Fleming.
- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: The staff has been meeting once/month. April: a dance featuring music from the last 60 years; rededication ceremony with a time capsule. June: Carnival.
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School coming up on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The children had a great time with the 60<sup>th</sup> day.

**Treasurer's Report**, Sachi Hergesheimer

Current Balance: \$3921.70. Red Barn raised about \$800. Some parents chose to donate money w/o purchasing products. Box Tops brought in \$318.90. Theresa Dwyer still plans to send home baggies with a magnet to facilitate Box Top collection. The design-build class at the high school is working on the collection box for the lobby. Consider bringing out a temporary collection box on a regular basis to the playground during pick-up time.

A grandparent of a student in Ms. Comeau's class donated \$100 to the Four Winds program. A thank you note has been sent. This was used to purchase new books for training parent volunteers. Books have disappeared over the years. Please remember to return them when your student moves on to Fleming.

**Upcoming Events**

**International Dinner**, Ashley Wageman

Date: Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30 (always the last Tuesday in January.)

- Food: In addition to potluck dishes and desserts, pizza, an Asian noodle dish, and extra cookies will be provided. Ashley to look into a source for these. Beverages: lemonade and water. Christy plans to bring her famous flag cookies.
- Volunteers: Ashley can do most of the set-up with the Village Kids. Some parents arrive early to help set up and label the food. Sometimes too many kids arrive early. Usually, many people stay to help clean up. She will tap PTO members during the event if help is needed.
- Entertainment: Jeh Kulu, dance and drum group.
- Flags: Egyptian flag needed. Where? Stoveworks? Consistent size and material. Ask Sarah Waite where flags were purchased previously. In the future, Ashley would like to display the flags differently with new signs. Mary said new flag labels are up.
- Other Supplies: Tablecloths, check supply of paper products, find stored decorations.
- Please return the International Dinner slip that went home in Friday folders before vacation. Ashley has not received very many. Consider sending out in early January next year.
- Motion** by Christy to approve \$200 requested by Ashley Wageman for the International Dinner. Seconded by Sara Putnam. Unanimously approved. Sachi reminded Ashley to keep all receipts.

### **Other Business**

- Sachi asked if there were plans for another Artist in Residence? Not this year due to special 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, but author visits are planned for March. Mary has explored the idea of a sculpture for the natural playground. Suggestion: Jeh Kulu drummers. The PTO does have money that could be used to help fund this. Look into how Swing Peepers residency was funded. Past artists have included a dancer and sculptor.
- Gracie Engel-Peirce suggested a student art exhibition fundraiser and possible auction. Perhaps for the playground? Lots of great playground-related art was produced last year. She also inquired about the student art cards. Chris Catterton has these for sale.

**Meeting ended at 7:30 PM.**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.** Note that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Minutes submitted by Casey Carmolli, Secretary