

**Goodwin Elementary School
PTO Minutes
September 17, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Officers' Reports

Principal – Fred Baruzzi, Superintendent, provided an update on district activities, including the preschool program and the Books on Bus literacy program to promote summer reading. Although the annual budget for this school year decreased, no school programs are affected. He also reviewed the four schools renovation project. The Building Committee intends to hold a meeting at each school to provide updates and discussion about the various plans. A town referendum is planned for November 2010 to vote on the committee's proposal. The administration is taking several precautions due to concerns about the spread of H1N1 flu. Classroom cleanliness is under discussion, students will be reminded to wash hands frequently, hand sanitizer is available, and parents are asked to keep students home from school for 24 hours after any illness symptoms are gone. Parents may contact the school nurse, Anne Wiant-Rudd, with questions. Fred is closely monitoring the bus schedules to determine if any changes are required. Delays are occurring during the high school and middle school runs prior to the buses arriving at the elementary schools. Construction on Route 195 is also contributing to delays.

Deb Adamczyk reported that the school year is off to a great start, with the students adjusting nicely. At the first Town Meeting assembly, a speaker shared updates about an orphanage in Afghanistan that the school supported in the past. Goodwin plans to continue the tradition of helping the orphanage.

President – Diane Briody shared thank you notes received from the EO Smith scholarship recipient, Dotty Kolzolka, Goodwin librarian, for books donated through the book fair, and Carol Lavigne, retired Goodwin nurse, for PTO support over the years. The Goodwin Resource Booklet is almost complete. Volunteers are needed to help with assembly. Those interested should contact John Crepeau at 487-5629 or joycecrepeau@sbcglobal.net. Virginia Walton, Mansfield's recycling coordinator, and Barbara Casey, founder of iParent network, will join us at future meetings to provide updates on their initiatives. Corn Maze Day, a fun activity and fundraiser, is confirmed for October 3 at the Marrow Corn Maze. Further details will be provided via Friday Folders and email.

Treasurer – Margaret Judy reviewed the Profit and Loss statement. Expenses from May 21 to September 16, 2009 totaled \$5,315.28 and income totaled \$11,398.29. The current checking account balance is \$20,196.39, with \$9,832.72 set aside for the Playscape Fund, leaving a balance of \$10,363.67. Following protocol in which money raised during the year is reserved for the following year's budget, the September Book Fair profit of \$621.22 was deducted from the balance, leaving \$9,742.45 as the working balance for 2009-2010. Maggie presented the projected annual budget totaling \$9,435 in expenses and \$9,075 in profits. Fun Fair profits were projected at \$5,000 due to current economic strains and lower-than-average profits the past few years. A few items that were omitted last year due to budget constraints were added to this year's budget, including teacher gifts and Family Ice Skating. The report and budget was unanimously approved.

Secretary – Suzanne Hathaway reviewed the minutes from the May meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes.

New Business

Committee Chair Review

A list of Committee Chairs for 2009-2010 was presented.

Backpack Brigade	Laura Scruggs, Karri Prandy
Book Fairs	Maggie Judy (Fall), Heather Willis (Spring)
Box Tops	Samantha Abdullah
Enrichment	Jessica Neumuth, Maryann Rollins
Family Ice Skating	Diane Briody
Fun Fair	John Prandy
Hospitality	Adele Lanza
Ice Cream Social	Lori Roy
International Potluck	Diane Briody
Mileage Club	Maryann Rollins
Monthly Newsletter	Kathy Marshall
Resource Book	John Crepeau
School Photos	Katie Irizarry
Student Banking	Darren Cook
T-Shirts	Megan Meikle
TV Turnoff/Sock Hop	Jessica Neumuth
Yearbook	Kathy Marshall

Fundraising Committee

Megan Meikle reviewed the intent of this new committee and plans to keep a calendar of fundraising events. She presented details of the new Square 1 Art fundraiser, which is earmarked to help fund the Artist-In-Residence program tentatively planned for Fall 2010. Karen Anger, Goodwin art teacher, agreed to help students create individual pieces of art during class that will be used for Square 1. Families can order items that display the child's art, such as t-shirts, tote bags, mugs and key chains. All children will receive a magnet with their piece of art on it, regardless of whether an actual purchase is made. Products will be available for purchase prior to the December holidays, with the PTO receiving 33% of the profits.

There was discussion about the Art-In-Residence program, which typically occurs every several years. A visiting artist provides in-school enrichment in a selected art discipline. Past programs included drama, storytelling, music, quilting and puppetry. A committee consisting of the Enrichment committee, PTO officers and Goodwin specials teachers will be formed to outline details of the program for 2010 and apply for grants. The fundraising committee will need to consider other options if grants are not received.

Old Business

Ice Cream Social

The Ice Cream Social on August 24th was well attended. Many thanks to Lori Roy for coordinating the event.

Book Fair

Thanks to the Goodwin Community for making the book fair so successful. In addition to \$621 in PTO profits, 10% of profits were donated to the school library for books.

Other

School photos are scheduled for Friday, October 16. Volunteers are needed. Contact Katie Irizarry on Katie_Irizarry@hotmail.com if interested.

There was discussion about whether or not to hold Election Day Bake Sale. Megan Meikle and Diane Briody will follow up with the town registrar and other PTOs.

Katherine Paulhus will look into the possibility of creating Veteran's Day Luminaries as a community event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Members present

Deb Adamczyk, Sara Anderson, Fred Baruzzi, Diane Briody, Nancy Cantara, Darren Cook, Rebecca Denomme, Suzanne Hathaway, Margaret Judy, Julie Klimkiewicz, Katie Irizarry, Jason McGarry, Megan Meikle, Lara Nangle-Johnson, Katherine Paulhus, John Prandy, Karri Prandy, Maryann Rollins, Laura Scruggs.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Hathaway (*pending approval*)