

Richards School PTO Meeting
Tuesday March 11, 2008
7:00 PM-8:30PM

Attendees: Lee Griffin, Sheila Hulton, Joanne Truell, Viki Bridge, Deanna Armstrong, Amy Howald, Jenn Souliotis, Patti Warren, Shannon Howe, Erin Lovely, Hillary Halleck

Newport Out of School Time (NOST) – Ann Spencer

- Summer program fees: \$20/day and \$85/week, scholarships available, sliding fee scale also
- Will take place at the Sugar River Valley Technical Center
- Attendees will be broken down into smaller groups by the grades they will enter in the fall
- Bus will be available to take students home
- They will be doing activities such as the Valley Quest Program (like a treasure hunt around town in which you learn about the region), swimming, sports, making a garden, etc.
- NOST is improving education by reducing the number of times students are visiting the principal in comparison to past years and students involved in NOST are seeing the principal less often than other kids in general

Minutes – Motion to approve February minutes with no changes by Viki Bridge and seconded by Hillary Halleck.

Treasurer's Report – Sheila Hulton

- Bank balance less budgeted upcoming events is \$3,500.
- Please be sure to fill out the PTO reimbursement with an original receipt. This form is in the PTO box as well as online at our website.

Project Rabbitt – Sheila Hulton

- About 40 kids attended the first week
- Instead of crafts this year the kids are doing other small activities and they seem to enjoy it as much without the craft
- Gave free books out to every student on Friday
- Project RABBIT evenings are 13th and 20th at 6:30 PM at Richard's Free Library

Turn Off TV Week – Sheila Hulton

- We will be doing a family science night again this year. It will be on Tuesday of Turn Off the TV Week.
- Sheila will let us know what help is needed
- There will be prizes (type and classes of winners to be determined)
- Discussed having a family math night
 - Chritine Downing from the Dept of Education would be able to help as a consultant
 - Date to be determined. May or may not be during Turn of TV Week

NOST Project and Student Art Show - Patti Warren

- Friday, March 14th from 5-7pm
- Needs snacks that are easy to cleanup, not messy
- NOST is saving for a trip to Washington DC
 - 4 nights/5days
 - Visiting museums and memorials
 - Raised \$3,500 of the \$4,500 they need
 - Motion to make a \$50 donation to the NOST trip from the PTO by Viki Branch, 2nd by Hillary Halleck

Say No to Domestic Violence Walkathon is Saturday, April 19th. Teams of 10 are needed. – Patti Warren

Upcoming Free Parent Education – Lee Griffin

- Viki will be doing a reading program
- Viki to do an explanation of the education for the web site
- Parents can bring their children
- We will have this event at 6:30pm instead of 7:00pm to see if it boosts attendance

PTO Survey- Lee Griffin

- Lee would like to do a PTO survey
- List what the PTO has done this year
- Get feedback on the programs and events offered

BOGO Book Sale – Lee Griffin

- Decided to continue to have it at the school
- Possibly the picnic could be on the church lawn and front lawn by that time

Box Tops - Shannon Howe

- The group assisted Shannon with counting the labels into packs of 50 to be sent in.
- The top collector with 251 box tops was Joshua Griffin- Great Job!
- Classroom winner was Ms. Nix with 253 labels
- TRIM, TRIM, TRIM!!! This makes it much easier if Shannon does not have to trim along with counting

Sox Tops – Hillary Halleck

- New containers have been made up from milk cartons
- These will be in every classroom to collect the Sox Tops
- Sox Top collection starts again in April
- We only collect the tops that say “Sox Tops” on the top of the cap

Kash for Kids – Hillary Halleck

- Kash for Kids has been stopped
- We will look into another program for collecting cell phones and toner cartridges
- Any other program suggestions would be appreciated!

Officer Elections – Lee Griffin

- Would like to move elections to April so the new board can have time to work with the current board

- Motion by Viki Bridge, 2nd by Deanna Armstrong
- Lee will look into the by-laws to make sure we can make that change

T-shirt design – Lee Griffin

- Passed around a design done by Amy Howald.
- Newport, NH will be added to the bottom of the design
- Design will be done in dark blue on a gray t-shirt
- Amy will email design to Brandy Blackinton to get some quotes
- We will have the shirts available at events and also use them as giveaways
- A notice will be put on our website saying where t-shirts are available

Drawing – A \$10 gift card for one teacher AND one parent
Deanna Armstrong won the parent drawing to Borders
Viki Bridge won the teacher drawing to Walmart

Speed Stacks – Sheila Hulton

- We can earn speed stacks for the school by putting in a group order
- We will have an example and sign up sheet at family science night
- Video showing the game will be played in the background

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 PM

Minutes submitted by: Hillary A. Halleck