

PTO Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2009

- I. **Ice Cream Social Recap-** Crystal reported that the Ice Cream Social went very well. 288 bowls of ice cream were served. The lines were out the door and all had a great time. This year we served strawberry ice cream and it went really fast. Suggestion for next year is to have more Strawberry ice cream.
- II. **Box Tops-** Crystal encourage everyone to log on to enter to win 1000 box tops. So far Richard's school is in 77th place that puts us in the top 100, which is incredible! Keep the trash coming as it raises lots of money for our school! Our goal for box tops is 1,086.
- III. **Capri Sun Brigade-** Jen O'Neil is the chair of this event and she has been picking up the juice pouches. The cafeteria has a box as well as some teachers in their classrooms. It was recommended that all teachers keep a box in their room as well.
- IV. **Website Update-** Brandy Tanner has made changes to our website. She just needs a list of who is chairing what event and their contact info. Brandy Blackinton will get that information to her. We have placed our logo on the site and Brandy has created a form for updates to come through.
- V. **A Day Made Better** Brandy Tanner made mention of the Better Day Program that is a partnered with Office Max to provide assistance to teachers who are buying supplies for their classrooms using their own money. The link to this program is <http://www adaymadebetter.com/>. And adoptaclassroom.org Teachers spend over \$1200 on school supplies out of their own pocket. As of the date of this meeting there were 2 Richard's School Teachers registered. Check it out!
- VI. **Halloween Festival Update-** The Halloween Festival planning is coming along nicely. We have had lots of support. Still in need of volunteers for the event. A planning meeting is being held directly after this meeting.
- VII. **Project Rabbit Update-** Brandy reported that the Jake Maxfield Connection has donated \$250.00 to Project Rabbit. This event is held in March. It was also recommended to check Ocean State Job Lot out for books as they have many scholastic books at a discounted price.
- VIII. **Winter Carnival Float-** Tiffany Guyette shared her plans for the float. We will be doing Alice in Wonderland. She passed around a list of supplies needed for the event. She will also be sending home a request.
- IX. **School Updates-** Patti Warren announced that Mrs. Strelbel will be doing a health presentation at Open House in the gymnasium. Open House is Thursday October 15th from 5:30-7:00. The Halloween Parade will start at 1:30 from the school.
- X. **Teacher Request** Joanne Truell from the first grade requested that the PTO fund the buses for the 1st grade classes to attend the Claremont Opera House

for a production. The cost would be approx \$150.00 for 2 buses. The group approved the request.

XI. Treasurers Report- Brandy presented the treasurer report and there were no questions.

Next Meeting Tuesday November 10th at 7:00 PM @ Richards School Cafeteria