

## AUGUST LES PTO MINUTES

MEETING HELD @5:30 on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Maegan Elliott began the meeting by introducing herself and the other PTO officers.

Mrs. Boyd introduced all the teachers who were present at the meeting.

May 2008 minutes were read by Brandall Atkinson.

Jennifer Williams noted all bills had been paid and there was a balance of \$2692.69 in the checking account. Also noting that the 2008-2009 PTO checks had not been deposited yet.

Mrs. Elliott made an announcement regarding the water fountain on the playground- noting that it is no longer working due to sand plugging up the line. Mrs. Boyd had contacted a plumber and the cost for water fountain repairs would be \$2500. Mention was made of possibly splitting the cost with the LUES PTO. Also noting that we will need to save \$\$ for the repairs to be made.

The "Money Makers" were discussed.

Box Tops-1 sheet per child per classroom= a cookie party

6 classes had currently earned a Box Top Cookie Party

The school goal is to earn \$1350 or to fill out 1350 sheets with box tops.

You can sign up for bonus box tops at [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.com)

Volunteers to assist with the Box Top were requested and Mrs. Elliott noted that 342 and a half sheets had been turned in.

Southeastern will be kicking off our Fall Fundraiser on September 24<sup>th</sup> and the project will run through October 10<sup>th</sup>. Our school receives 50% of the proceeds from the items except for the cookie dough which the return is 40%. The PTO usually makes around \$18,000. The top sellers will be treated to a limo ride and a pizza party. The Fundraising company generously donates all the inflatables to our Spring Carnival and sets them up free of charge. Mrs. Elliott asked for suggestions regarding other fundraising company options.

Mrs. Boyd spoke on the new behavior reward system in place at the Lower Elementary. School wide rules were discussed, character education was discussed, the reward system was also discussed in depth.

Papa Johns Pizza Night was announced as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for dine in or take out. 20% of each ticket is donated to our school. Motion was presented to continue with this fundraising effort and it was PASSED. The pizza night began on 8-28-08. If you pick up your pizza, an extra \$1 is donated to the school.

Newk's Night provides 10% back to the school and other suggestions for restaurants were requested and Mrs. Elliott asked that everything be put in writing from each restaurant.

A parent suggested looking into "Script" for online gift cards etc.

Volunteers were requested for a Playground Committee. 2-3 parents and teachers to provide playground maintenance. A request was made for dirt to fill in various areas in the playground.

Volunteers for the Fall Festival were requested to help in various capacities.

Volunteers to serve on a Spring Carnival Committee were requested.

Mrs. Elliott made the suggestion of extending Teacher Appreciation Week into a monthly event to reward our teachers. The PTO will be looking for appropriate donations and is also looking for volunteers to help with this year round as well as during the week in May.

Nurse Elliott thanked the PTO for her new cot and asked for \$100 to purchase expendable clothing for students who have accidents at school. The \$\$ will go into a fund for Nurse Elliott to use for socks, underwear, pants etc. Requests were made for clean, outgrown items for the same use. The motion was presented to approve the \$100 for the Nurses station and it was PASSED. Mrs. Boyd also noted to all parents present that it is always good to have a change of clothing sent to school.

Mrs. Elliott showed all present a print out of a bumper sticker to use as a fundraising opportunity. 1000 stickers costs 34 cents. The motion was presented and all approved by all but one parent. After further discussion another vote was cast and APPROVED for the purchase of 1000 stickers to be sold and benefit the LES PTO.

The announcement was made that there will be door prizes at each meeting. One for a teacher and one for a parent. Lacy Mooneyham won the McAlister's gift card and Carol Gray won the Newk's gift card. Jennifer Williams won the \$50 gas card giveaway. Lastly the idea of a "marquis" type sign in the carpool circle was brought up noting that it would provide info regarding meetings, report cards, holidays, etc. Mrs. Boyd mentioned she thought the school had one hiding somewhere and said she would look into it. Meeting was concluded.