

Fishers Island School PTO

November 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Meeting called to Order by Carol Webster at 5:45pm at the Ferry Office, New London.

Members in attendance included:

Carol Webster, Karen Ward, Lynn Rojewski, Amy Cochran, James McCarthy, Donald Donovan, Susan Donovan, Eileen Staples, and Anne Wilkinson

Reports: None

Old Business:

Bags and athletic clothes are to be fundraisers this year. However, no flier has yet been sent home and there may not be enough time to place orders for delivery before the holiday break. Carol will follow up.

New Business:

- Discussed ways to improve communications between school, parents, and students. It was suggested that the PTO page on the FIS website be updated as soon as possible after each meeting so that those who could not attend a meeting or other interested parties, could keep up to date on what was happening. The meeting minutes should be posted to the PTO page.
- Also discussed that often parents don't know what is happening at school, particularly new parents. One example was a discussion about the "Turkey Bowl" on the calendar. Parents have not received anything at home and there is no explanation on the website. Parents can't depend on the students to have full verbal explanations and instructions. It would be helpful, in instances such as this, to have better written instructions. Other examples included the band fundraiser, wreath sale, etc.
- Tawyna did a great job of preparing an agenda for the last meeting and it was suggested that this practice continue.
- A suggestion was made to have a parent/student directory published, with consent.
- A suggestion was made to possibly have a PTO member as part of the Board of Education or at least attend meetings and report back to the PTO. Another suggestion was made to have the BOE post their meeting minutes on the FIS website and Carol will contact Mr. Myers with this request.
- There was a discussion about offering a social dancing class at school. Agreed that research would be done and discussed at the next PTO meeting. Lynn will follow up with Fred Astaire and Karen will follow up with Arthur Murray.
- Suggestion was made to put on the agenda to discuss at the next PTO meeting an etiquette class for 5th/6th grades for next spring.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Carol Webster at 6:45pm.

Prepared by: Anne Wilkinson