

PTO Minutes for May 13, 2008  
(Unofficial)

In Attendance

President: Debbie Randle-Hayes

Secretary: Nancy Reineking

Publicity: Kimberly Gallant & Kristin Enstrom

Hospitality: Sue Knar, Kristin Kundrot, Lisa Stehno & Lisa Riley

Absent: Heidi Richter, Ellen Anderson & Cheryl Metallo

Meeting called to order at 3:33 p.m. by Debbie Randle-Hayes.

Location: ARS Library

Adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

After taking roll call Nancy Reineking read the following correspondence: Lois Bowman wrote a note thanking everyone who dropped off goodies for Dr. Krause's Retirement Open House. Debbie Randle-Hayes wrote a note to the PTO thanking them for all the activities and donations the organization has shared with her students during her 19 years at ARS.

Debbie Randle-Hayes gave the treasurer's report stating an ending balance of \$14,855.51

Old Business

Diana Schnidt reported that this year the Book Fair made \$8,521.14 in profit as compared to last year it made \$8,430.91 in profit. Teacher's spent \$700 at the Book Fair. Next year the ARS Book Fair will again be held during Teacher Appreciation Week. There will also be a Book Fair at the Middle School which will coincide with an evening program.

Debbie Randle-Hayes stated that David Alkind, who wrote the book "The Hurried Child," charges \$5,000 to do an evening program. Therefore, it will not work to get him to come to our schools. It was decided that it's too late in the school year to book any other program at this time.

There was no report for the Father/Daughter Dance.

Mary Ellen Bebber reported that the Original Works art products went home today with students. This year the ARS Art Department received a profit of approximately \$1,500 from the sales.

Kristin Kundrot gave a report from Laura Bright for the Spring Social. PTO made a profit of \$556. Leftover ice cream was taken back to Sam's Club and leftover open cases of water were left for Fun Day. Approximately 600 people attended the Spring Social. Next year Laura Bright will again chair this event.

Debbie Randle-Hayes reported that the ARS teachers enjoyed the Teacher Appreciation Week festivities. This years rock-n-roll theme involved the teachers decorating cut-out guitars with pictures, words etc. to describe them. The guitars were on display by the office. Other activities at both schools included a morning breakfast, pizza for lunch, an afternoon root beer float treat, and an all staff luncheon on Friday in the ARS gym.

### Ongoing Business

On behalf of Heidi Richter, Debbie Randle-Hayes asked the Administration if they are close to finalizing a plan for ordering bike racks. Dr. Mahaffy stated that he would like bike racks in the front of the Middle School so they can be enclosed and locked. Also cameras would be able to catch any vandalism that could possibly occur. Heidi will continue to be in contact with the Administration so that the Bike Racks can be ordered by the end of the school year.

Debbie Randle-Hayes stated that the 2008/2009 new board members must take the time to read the By-Laws before they can be voted on. Lisa Riley pointed out that the By-Laws state that there shall be 4 Hospitality members and there are currently 5. All Board members must take the time to read them over and note any necessary changes, as these laws must be followed by all members.

Debbie Randle-Hayes reported that Heidi Richter continues to box and send out items for Cartridges for Kids. As summer is coming the number of items have slowed down a bit.

There was no report for Market Day this month from Dawn Ives.

Kristin Kundrot stated that most PTO Board and Chair Person positions have been filled for the 2008/2009 school year. The following positions are still available: PTO President, Fun Day Chairperson, Market Day Volunteers, and Mother/Son Dance Chair.

Debbie Randle-Hayes reported that last month the PTO Board discussed purchasing stationary containing a PTO emblem. This stationary would be useful for sending thank you notes from the PTO. Sue Knar brought samples from Steve Knar and stated that if we give him a number we would need he could quote us a price.

### New Business

Sue Knar reported that plans for Fun Day are in full swing. She is using the same company as last year, "Fun Services," and they will provide many inflatables and more games. Sue has also booked a D.J and will possibly combine it with Karaoke. There will not be a dunk tank this year. Festivities will begin at 12 p.m. Sue is still deciding on some type of goodie bag item for each of the students.

Debbie Randle-Hayes reminded all in attendance that PTO gives the 8<sup>th</sup> graders \$400. to put towards their graduation. Funds could be used for decorations, cakes etc.

Dr. Krause reported a communication from the Village of FRG. They are looking for a \$6,000 donation to make improvements at Steiner Park as well as a replacement slide for ARS. The Board of Education would like to donate \$1,500 and are asking the PTO to contribute another \$1,500. The PTO Board decided unanimously that they will add this donation to their list of possible budget expenditures but must first meet as a Board at the end of the year to see their end of the year bank balance. On May 18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Krause will report this back to the Board of Education.

Debbie Randle-Hayes reported a communication from the Village of FRG with regards to improving parks and trails in FRG. They would like a member of PTO to join them at 8 a.m. on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Picnic Grove Park. They will give a tour of the parks and trails and will ask for suggestions for improvements. There were not any members present at the meeting who were able to commit to this meeting.

#### MS Liaisons

Norene Carr reminded the PTO Board that the Middle School is part of District 3 PTO. She also thanked the Board for providing treats during Teacher Appreciation Week. A suggestion was made to hold occasional PTO meetings at the Middle School. Norene did not think this would improve MS staff attendance at the meetings.

#### ARS Liaison

Beth Diller thanked the PTO for all of the activities during Teacher Appreciation Week. She also reminded the Board that many staff members have expressed their wish for some sort of teacher start-up money for the beginning of the school year.

#### Administration

Ms. Karen Machroli thanked the PTO for all of the fun extras during Teacher Appreciation Week. She also thanked the PTO for sponsoring upcoming Fun Day and money contributed to Kindergarten Graduation to make it extra special for all.

Dr. Tim Mahaffy stated that PTO may want to consider raising the amount of money they provide for the MS Scholarship Program. By spring the \$1,500 amount budgeted was out and the District made up for it. This was another issue the PTO Board added to their agenda for their last meeting involving allocation of funds. Dr. Mahaffy also pointed out that the PTO Board had committed awhile back to purchasing pea gravel to fill in spots behind the MS where fitness equipment was added last year. Lisa Stehno stated the Board did not purposefully forget and will work it into our end of the year budget plans.

Dr. Krause explained that at the last Board of Education meeting it was decided that there will be 3 sections of Kindergarten in the upcoming 2008/2009 school year. There are currently 52 students enrolled in the new class. If the number stays the same it will be the smallest number of students in a grade level ever to go through District 3. Dr. Krause also stated that if the number of students stays low the Administration will need to

reexamine the number of class sections when the students get in to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Dr. Krause informed the PTO that she is grateful for her 19 years in District 3 and appreciated the recognition at the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55. Next meeting will be held in September 2008. TBA