

# Parents Club Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## Budget Information

1. Budget didn't add up at the last meeting. The web page only costs \$30.00 not \$100.00. The new budget was approved at this meeting.

## School Sign -Tony Combs

1. The sign was ordered today at a total cost of \$5153.84. The City of Toledo will hook up the electricity going to the sign. There may have to be a brick façade around the sign due to legal issues. In a total of 4-5 weeks the sign should be up. There is a question of there being a charge for putting the sign up. The manufacturer of the sign says a professional electrician doesn't need to inspect the sign after installation for the warranty to be valid. The sign comes complete with letters.

## Meijer Fundraiser

1. Using a Meijer credit card you can register for the Community Rewards on Meijer's web site and the school will get money for this. To do this with cash you need a pin (personal identification number) and a card to swipe .

## Hero's Fundraiser in September

1. Fundraiser had very low attendance. Next date will be in November. The school gets 10% of the \$7.00 per child attendance. Max price per family is \$20.00. Things to do include: jump toys, races, blow up toys, and supervised play by Hero's' employees. On the day of the fundraiser there are only kids from Crossgate's there.

### Parents Club Scholarship

1. This is for a Crossgate's child who has attended Byrnedale and Bowsher and is going on to college. This year the points for evaluation will be adjusted. Scholarship amount is equal to \$500.00.

### Big Yummy Fundraiser

1. The school didn't make the \$10,000 target goal. We sold approximately \$3,000 dollars. There were some issues with this fundraiser. One parent of a kindergartener felt a letter should be sent home explaining what needed to be filled out and when everything was due. Another parent felt there wasn't enough time to sell the product. Apparently all schools only get a week for product selling. The items should be at the school in approximately 3-4 wks. Questions about using this fundraiser next year verses a different one.

### Market Day

1. The school didn't make the target goal. The school did make a \$250.00 profit. Because we didn't reach the target goal the school doesn't qualify for the free books, instead the money will go towards the book fair later this month. Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> is pick up day for Market Day goods.

### Box Tops

1. A bunch of Box Tops were just sent out. The school gets \$.10 for each box top. There are no incentives for Campbell Soup Labels. Parents say acquiring enough Box Tops for a Dress Down Day pass is very hard with two or more children. Places with bonus box tops include Meijers, Sam's Club, and the Box Top for Education website.

### Boy Scouts of America

1. There has been interest from parents in starting Boy Scouts at Crossgate's. Sara has spoken with Mr. Delucia and representatives

from the Boy Scouts about the interest. Sara would like to know how many other parents are interested in Boy Scouts. Boys need to be in the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Boys need to have a parent present at all the meeting of the Boy Scouts. Wednesday is Family Night and it will be a good time to get word out to other parents about the interest in Boy Scouts, and to see if others are interested.

### Chucky Cheese

1. Next date is October 15<sup>th</sup> from 4-9 o'clock. If students bring their sticker they will get ten free tokens that night. Chucky Cheese will be at Crossgate's that day to promote this. Upon entering Chucky Cheese you need to let them know you are from Crossgate's School for us to get credit. On the Chucky Cheese website there is additional coupons.

### Family Folk Dance

1. Hosted by Mr. Donaldson, the music teacher, and involves folk dancing. The previous families who attended have enjoyed this very much.

### Book Fair

1. Starts week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> and takes place during the children's library hours. It is also open during lunch on Thursday and Friday. Parents are encouraged to visit with their kids this day during lunchtime. Not sure of the % the school gets from the sale but Cindy White will check on this and let us know. The % usually relates to how many books are sold.

### Halloween Party

1. The kindergarten classes go to Swan Creek. This year the buses are already being used so parents will need to provide rides. Children are to come to school dressed on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Kindergarteners are not to wear masks, but older kids can. The parade starts with the sixth graders moving down through the classes to the parking lot(parade goes to the gym if raining).

Parents are encouraged to come and see their kids in the parade.

### Red Cross

1. Needs parental volunteers from 3-8 o'clock on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Tony Combs

1. Thanks everyone for coming. There are eighteen people present in attendance. This is a small percent for the amount of students who attend the school. He questions the need for Dress Down Day passes every month for participating at the Parents Club Meetings. We need to check with Mr. Delucia about Dress Down Day passes. Tony is going to be out of town during Oct 20-28<sup>th</sup> for a trip to Honduras with his church.

### Bonnie H.

1. Has a suggestion for Mr. Delucia(not in attendance), Arlington School on Friday's, children can buy a Dress Down Day pass for a dollar. On that day they can wear Spirit Wear that includes polo's and jeans. This nets approximately \$1800 a month. This is not approved by Mr. Delucia yet.

### Dress Down Day Passes

1. Mr. Delucia doesn't like to pass them out a lot. Maybe we can use them if they have an expiration date. This way they can't be stockpiled for the end of the school year.

### Kroger

1. Gift card program is still going on. For example: Give Kroger five dollars they will put it on a gift card for you to spend on your groceries, then Crossgate's gets a % of that five dollars. Gift card also makes good gifts. The sales receipt shows how much is left on the card.

### Bonding

1. There was a question about a charge for bonding in the budget.

Bonding is needed incase money comes up missing from the Parents Club, or is stolen. The bonding amount was increased due to the amount of money we started out with this year. The money had been budgeted to buy the school sign.

### School Spirit Wear

1. It is ordered one time a year. Maybe having a blue tie-dye this year. Suggestion to have a pre-order form at the open-house in the beginning of the year.

### Window Clings

1. May help with parental participation. This will promote the Ten For Success that encourages parents to volunteer for ten hours at their children's schools.

### Teachers Spending Budget

1. The amounts that the Parents Club gives the teachers each year for supplies has increased from \$200.00 to \$400.00. The teachers need to provide receipts for anything they use this money on.

\*The notes were typed by Mary Sood who was present at the meeting. Any mistakes were mine alone.