

**Anderson's Parent Association
2009-2010**

November 3, 2009
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Present: Wendy Baker, Sarah Hoffmann, Monica Nelson, Kelly Huff, Gil Piñon, Merry Pool, Kara Broussard, Kathy Smith, Elaine Naggi, Amy Blakey, and Debby Welch.

1. School Beautification:

Gil reviewed the current and planned school beautification projects, including installation of a kitchen, stage storage and curtains, fixing of WALK signs on walkways. Wendy will draft up a letter of support for the kitchen installation.

2. Approval of November's Agenda:

Kelly motioned to approve the November agenda. Wendy seconded the motion.

- 3. Teacher's Requests:** Amy reported that the staff would really like to have an assembly with motivational speaker Michael Pritchard and she estimated the cost to be \$2,000. He covers topics like bullying, self-esteem etc. for 4-6 graders and is an excellent comedian. Liz has ideas for other options too. Amy will get more information and we will discuss at the December meeting.

4. Fundraiser Report: Debby Welch

Debby reported that the fundraiser items are due to arrive on Thursday afternoon and we earned roughly \$2,900.

- 5. Treasurer's report:** Merry and Wendy reviewed Jill's written treasurer's report. Merry motioned to approve the treasurer's report and Debby seconded.

6. Principal's Report: Amy Blakey

Amy reported that the results of the latest benchmark assessments were slightly lower than the 40% goal although there has been huge growth where scores could be compared to August baselines. The next 8 weeks the staff will be working extremely hard to prepare for the next benchmark assessments in February.

Amy is applying for a grant that would give us a ½ time school counselor. Amy asked for a volunteer to put together the yearbook. Kathy Smith volunteered.

7. Box Top Campaign Update:

Sarah sent in \$280 in box tops recently.

- 8. DUPA Report:** No DUPA report because we do not have a rep. Kathy Smith said she would think about being the rep. dependent on how much time is involved.

9. Parking

Tony Morris, Dixon Police Department listened to the PTO concerns regarding traffic violations and safety before and after school. He recommended that we take down license plate numbers and email them and a description of the situation to him daily. The police department can send letters to individuals from this information.

10. Holiday Program & Lunch for Staff

The Anderson Holiday Program is scheduled for Wednesday December 9th 6:30pm and participation is based on teacher preference (not all classes are able to participate). Kelly will organize a bake sale for that night.

The lunch for staff is scheduled for Friday December 18th, location to be determined.

Merry suggested that PTO sell tamales and/or baked goods at the downtown tree lighting on Thursday December 3rd.

13. Additional Items

Kelly reported that Heidi West has volunteered to organize the talent show in either February or March.

Monica reported that the City Council will be voting on the social ordinance fine that ATOD has advocated for. Monica will put together a letter of support that Merry will read at the meeting on November 24th.

14. Next Meeting December 1st 6 pm

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