

PTO SECRETARY MINUTES
September 16, 2009
Acushnet Elementary School cafeteria

Meeting called to order: 7:05 PM

Persons in attendance: 29

INTRODUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS: Joyce Hester, President. Paula Faria, Vice President. Katelyn Meunier, Treasurer. Anne Tavares-Buker, Secretary.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept, made and motion passed.

Correspondence

*Thank you for ATA/PTO float at the Apple Peach Festival.

*Thank you from kindergarten teachers for our continued support.

Requests for Funding:

*Mrs. Mason requested \$100 for sweats, underwear, and socks. Motion to accept, made and motion passed.

*Mr. Shanbrun requested polo shirts for the band students to wear for performances. Tabled until pricing available.

*Mr. Green requested money for an after school fitness club. It would be 48 days, 90 minutes each session, one fall and one spring. It would require 2 staff members for 240 students, \$3960. Tabled.

*Yearbook, \$365. Motion to accept, made and motion passed.

*Carousel Skate Parties (2 @ \$350 each). Motion to accept, made and motion passed.

*Halloween party prizes, etc., \$50. Motion to accept, made and motion passed.

*Mrs. Anderson's preschool class to Keith Farm, \$135. Motion to accept, made and motion passed.

*Reimbursement of \$25 for candy on parade float. Motion to accept, made and motion passed.

Old Business:

*Movie Night (Madagascar 2) will be 9/25 at FMS.

*Possible Halloween event—anyone interested should contact Joyce. Meaghen Tripp volunteered to chair event.

*FMS Book Fair is 10/13-15. Mrs. Olivier requests parent volunteers to help her.

*Fundraiser for the Martin family—there will be a Chinese Auction at the Highlander Event on 9/26.

*Michelle DeTerra discussed 150th Celebration. At the sleepover "Mrs. Acushnet" will talk to the kids about the town's history. Teachers will be incorporating celebrations in their curricula. A time capsule has also been discussed. The Forand family is doing aerial view pictures in Acushnet. They would like the students to form AES and FMS on the fields for a picture. She also mentioned a possible cookbook with old recipes. Volunteers will be needed from April to June for festivities.

*Wildcat gear will be available this year.

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*Spirit Days will be celebrated to bring a sense of community and school spirit.

New Business:

*CORI forms need to be done each year for anyone interested in volunteering, including field trips.

*Mrs. Mason has volunteered to be here for the spring Sleepover.

*Request for funding forms—staff need to bring them in person to meeting.

*Box Tops—motion made to PTO to hold all money instead of Principal's Fund in order to shorten turn around time. Motion passed.

*New consignment store in Acushnet, 30% profit can be donated to APS. Pending approval of School Committee and Mr. Donovan—tabled.

AES News: Introduction of Mr. Paul LaBelle, our new assistant principal—welcome! AES has switched to a new Reading program, Scott Foresman Reading Street. Also, AES will be doing DIBELS testing this year (reading assessment program). Open House is tomorrow, 9/17. Students will have an opportunity to vote on their 5 favorite lunches in the cafeteria. Mr. LaBelle also expressed an interest by staff to increase curricular field trips to heighten learning.

FMS News: Individual assistance will be done by Mrs. Guilbeault. Open House will be Sept. 24.

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2009, AES cafeteria, 7PM