

## PTO meeting minutes from Wednesday, May 20, 2009

- 15 parents & 3 teachers were at the meeting. Thank you to all who attended.
- Mrs. Blumberg spoke about the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade show "Going Buggy". The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have completed their Butterfly Science Unit which commenced with releasing the butterflies into the Science Garden. The kids have also been working on an animal research project with power point presentations. Links will soon be available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher's websites so that parents can view these projects. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade trip to the Academy of Natural Science Museum is Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Mrs. Peoples started by thanking Mrs. Downey for all of her work in the Science Garden. She then discussed a new initiative for the 2009-2010 school years. Worrall is "**Going green**". A group will meet at year end to brainstorm & research different things that can be done at Worrall. Two of the things, under consideration, would be providing reusable grocery bags printed with Worrall & "reduce, reuse, recycle". This would be as a service to you with estimates for the cost per bag is at \$2 & clear, green reusable water bottles also for around \$2. A Going Green team will be formed. More info on that to come. A big celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day in April 2010 will be planned as well.
- Mr. Penney spoke about the upcoming Field Day on Friday, May 29. He is very pleased with the amount of volunteers this year. He thanked the PTO for purchasing new equipment & spoke about the Philadelphia Sports theme for this year. Also, there will be a parent volunteer meeting Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 4PM in the gym.
- The playground equipment project is currently stalled due to the Marple Township has not received the grant money yet. It is still promised to Worrall but, the Township can not pay out the money until they actually receive it.
- Debbie Ludwick spoke about the Family Picnic scheduled for Friday, May 29 at 5:30PM. The menu will be virtually the same with the addition of Rita's Water Ice. Some discussion was held on whether formal activities should be introduced this year but, general consensus was to keep it a low key event where everyone can mingle & enjoy themselves without a lot of structured activities that would have to be supervised. A rain date was discussed for Sunday but no official time was designated. That will be determined if needed, at a later date.
- Renee O'Donnell & Michelle Walker were unanimously elected as co-president & vice president respectively for the 2009-2010 school year. Welcome!
- Acme receipts have generated over \$1000 to date this school year. Please keep saving your family's receipts over the summer.
- The Foreign Language program at the Elementary School level is in danger of being eliminated with the next budget cuts. Discussion about contacting School Board members & about how this is a tax payer issue not specifically a Worrall issue ensued.
- Campbell's offers bonus points through the Label program for specific examples of kids "Sharing & Caring". Anyone with concrete examples of things Worrall kids did this year that exemplified "Sharing & Caring" should e-mail or call Teri Woodcock..
- Thanks to Janet Adams & everyone who participated in this years Walk-a-Thon! It was a great success. The first mailers have gone out. Please pay promptly. Thanks!
- The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon was a big hit & will become an annual event.
- Thank you to Julie Baker for an awesome Muffins With Moms. Everyone would like this to be an annual event.
- Congratulations to Teri Woodcock for winning this month's door prize, a notepad & M&Ms.
- Goodbye gifts were presented to Diane Conolly & Michelle Pantellas. We will miss you!!!
- Have a safe & happy summer! Hope to see you at the PTO meeting in September!