

**Millville Elementary School Parents Association
Minutes for October 4, 2007**

I. Attendance

Peggy Fowler	Janet Davis	Kim Fuller
Kathy Stearman	Patrice Pickering	Valerie Hilliard
Kelly St. Gelais	Lynn McLaughlin	Eileen Tetreault
Shannon Newcomb	Diane Homand	Cindy Rainone
Kim Milliken	Cristen Flanagan	
Tammy Austin	Maria Olbrys	Michelle King

II. Introductions – Welcome

III. Standard Reports

- A. Secretary’s Report for September – read and accepted.
- B. Treasurer’s Report for September – read and accepted.

IV. Old Business

A. Fall Fundraiser – Peggy Fowler and Diane Homand

- 1. 101 participants with 702 items purchased for a total of just over \$11,000, giving us a profit of just under \$4,000.
- 2. There were cash donations totaling \$623.
- 3. The top classes were Miss Ranieri and Mrs. Vallee, with one child in each class being the top seller.
- 4. The pie sale information went home on Tuesday. If we sell 250 items they will pack the orders for us.

B. School and Yearbook Picture – Janet Davis

- 1. 3 volunteers are needed for picture day tomorrow. Janet, Kathy, and Valerie will be helping.
- 2. Family Photo Fundraiser – December 1st. Geskus will come to the school on this day and be able to photograph 40 families. There will be a \$10 sitting fee which will go to MESPA, plus 30% of packages ordered. Each family will have 6 poses taken. The packages will be returned to the school by December 11th, with Christmas cards arriving by December 15th. Janet will contact them to find out about ordering on-line to speed things up, and if families could go to their studio at an earlier date. Janet will also find out how the scheduling will be done.

C. Volunteer Update – Kim Fuller

Kim has made a database from all of the volunteer responses. If you are coordinating an event and need volunteers, contact Kim. She can search by time available or task preferred. Please tell Kim which volunteers were used so that she can send them a thank you. Remember that all volunteers must be CORI’d.

D. MESPA Folders – Kim Fuller

If you have any folders from last year, please get them to Kim so that she can update them. If you chair an event please provide a summary for the folder.

E. Lunch With the Principal – Cindy Nordquist

Volunteers are needed to serve as a waitress/waiter for Lunch with the Principal for the following dates: October 18, November 15, December 20, January 17, February 28, March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 12. Volunteers are needed from 11:20 – 1:20. Please contact Cindy at 876-9157.

F. Community Reading Day – Kim Milliken

The books have been ordered. There are 14 readers scheduled so far, with 2 more needed. There are enough volunteers for the day of. Tammy will bake bread.

G. Millville Mall – Kari Pisano

Volunteers have been assigned. There is a large ticket item raffle for a one week stay at St. Augustine Beach Florida. Tickets are \$10 a piece with 3 for \$25. A flyer will be going home. MESPA members are requested to sell some. The details on the tickets are still being worked out.

H. Millville Mile – Cindy Nordquist

The information sheet requesting volunteers and refreshments will be going home soon.

I. Year Long Fundraising

1. Kathy Stearman will be taking over Box Tops. Cindy Rainone will be taking over the Campbell's labels.
2. Shaw's is doing a receipt rewards program. Peggy will find more info.
3. Brigido's is suspending their receipts program.
4. Goodsearch.com instead of google. By selecting MES the school can receive money every time you surf the net.

J. Newsletter – Cristen Flanagan

Cristen is hoping to send out an e-mail update. Please send her any information you have on events that you are chairing.

V. New Business

A. Holiday Shop – Kim Fuller, Kim Milliken, Valerie Hilliard

1. This event is not a fundraiser. It is a chance for children to shop for family members for the holidays. All items are \$6 or less.
2. The merchandise will be delivered on November 26th. The shop will take place the following week.

VI. Committees

A. Banking – Patrice Pickering

Forms went home this week for volunteers and new sign-ups. Banking takes place during lunch on Fridays. Two volunteers are needed every Friday from 11:30 – 1:10.

B. Yearbook – Janet Davis

1. Janet and Cristen are working on the layout and the mock up. The next committee meeting is Monday, October 22nd.
2. Class photographers are needed. If you would like to photograph events for your child's class, please let Janet know.

C. Recess – Donna Tringali

No update.

D. Beautification – Kari Pisano

No update.

E. Cultural – Tammy Austin

1. Tammy is working on applying for grants for the Kaleidoscope Children's Theatre and storyteller Len Cabral. Kaleidoscope does programs on bullying, they charge \$1000 for 2 shows with a \$25 travel fee.
2. Len Cabral was booked for May 23, 2008. A motion was made and approved to set aside \$750 for two shows.

F. Volunteer - Already covered above.

G. Fundraising - Already covered above.

H. Welcome – Tammy Austin

Tammy sent an invitation for Dr. Levine to attend a MESPA meeting, unfortunately the dates were mixed up. However, Thursdays are difficult for Dr. Levine. Peggy will give him a schedule and see if there is another time he could attend.

VII. Correspondence and Other Matters

Peggy's daughter is involved in a service project "United Through Reading." She is collecting books through the month of October for ages 0-8 to send to Iraq. Father's can then be videotaped reading books for their children. Call Peggy at 883-1959 if you have any donations.

VIII. Mrs. Tetreault's Requests and Comments

A. Comments

1. The town has donated a copy of the 75th anniversary quilt, as seen at the Longfellow Municipal Center, to the school. This quilt is appraised at \$4000. It will

be hung in the auditorium. A request is being made through the cultural council to buy a case for the quilt.

2. The superintendent is supportive of full time kindergarten. A letter was sent saying that MES will be applying for a grant to implement full day kindergarten.

3. The new physical therapist has resigned so MES is now looking to hire a ½ time physical therapist.

4. \$81.22 was received from Target rewards program.

B. Questions

The question was raised about the security of using the school for a walking program in the morning. Answer: The school is routinely used by community groups outside of school hours. There are doors that separate the gym area from the rest of the school which are locked. Janitors and other staff check the building.

C. Requests

Requests are being held until next meeting when hopefully we know for sure how the fall fundraisers went and if we have enough money.

IX. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.