

**Millville Elementary School Parents Association  
Minutes for November 8, 2007**

**I. Attendance**

Peggy Fowler	Janet Davis	Kim Fuller
Kathy Stearman	Kim Desjardins	Kate Correia
Tanya Morin	Diane Homand	Eileen Tetreault
Cristen Flanagan		

**II. Introductions – Welcome**

**III. Standard Reports**

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

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Fall Fundraiser – Peggy Fowler and Diane Homand**

- 1. A big thank you to everyone who helped distribute the pizza fundraiser.
- 2. The company gave MESPA many containers of extra cookie dough. A few containers were sold at the Millville Mall for \$10. They will now be offered to the teachers for \$5. Any left after that Peggy will put in her freezer for future events.
- 3. Pies – There were 258 sold which qualifies for pre-packaging of individual orders. MESPA profit is \$1,634.40.
- 4. Delivery of pies is Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> between 2:30 and 6:30. Tanya, Diane, Janet, and Peggy will help to distribute.
- 5. Diane will e-mail the names of all the winners for Mrs. Tetreault to announce. The pig race and the raffle drawing of gift cards will be held on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 pm. The ice cream social for the top selling classes will be Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Cristen will photograph the pig race. Janet and Peggy will run the ice cream social.
- 6. BJ’s membership – They will be sending information to the school. A flyer will probably go home in early December.

**B. School and Yearbook Picture – Janet Davis**

- 1. School picture day was October 5<sup>th</sup>. Retake day is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like retakes you should return photos to school with your child.
- 2. Family Photo Fundraiser – December 1<sup>st</sup>. This is still scheduled, however, Janet has been waiting for Jay from Geskus to get a flyer to distribute through the school. He had said it would be delivered this week yet it has still not arrived. MESPA will be responsible for scheduling the appointments.

**C. Newsletter – Cristen Flanagan**

- 1. There has been great feedback from the first newsletter as well as the e-mail update.
- 2. Cristen needs information for the next newsletter ASAP. If you are involved in an event that will be coming up between now and February, or you need volunteers, etc, please let Cristen know. The next newsletter needs to get to Mrs. Tetreault before Thanksgiving in order to be sent out by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**D. Volunteer Update – Kim Fuller**

Kim is maintaining a database of volunteer. She would also like to send thank you notes, so if you can let her know who has helped with an event she can do that.

**E. MESPA Folders – Kim Fuller**

No update.

**F. Lunch With the Principal – Cindy Nordquist**

Volunteers are needed to serve as a waitress/waiter for Lunch with the Principal for the following dates: 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.

**G. Community Reading Day – Kim Milliken**

1. The event went very well. One reader was late, but the back-up reader was able to cover.
2. The timing of the reception still needs to be worked on. The students come to escort the classroom reader right after announcements because some of the readers head to Blackstone to read. Perhaps the reception should start earlier.
3. The cost of books was \$995 and expenses were \$39.05.

**H. Millville Mall – Kari Pisano**

1. This was a very nice event and everything went smoothly.
2. A total of \$2,047 was raised, with \$925 for the Florida raffle, \$407 for the raffle tables, \$665 in vendor fees, and \$50 for cookbooks and cookie dough. So far, submitted expenses are \$56.07.
3. Denise Dehestani was the winner of the Florida raffle and she was present to hear the good news.

**I. Millville Mile – Cindy Nordquist**

Once again this event was a big success. There were plenty of snacks and the leftovers were given to Mrs. Borges. The set-up and clean-up went smoothly. The band directors played music and the first graders were cheering the runners on. There were a lot of parents running and helping.

**J. Year Long Fundraising**

1. Kathy has submitted box tops and the school will be receiving a check in December for \$930. The next time to submit box tops will be February for an April check. This information should go in the newsletter along with highlighting items that contain box tops, such as Kleenex.
2. Brigidos' has reinstated the community receipt program as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. Peggy will fill out the form and call about receipts dated before November 1<sup>st</sup>. Receipts need to be grouped by \$500 and bundled by \$2500. A volunteer is needed to count these. MESPA does have an adding machine that can be used.

**K. Holiday Shop – Kim fuller, Kim Milliken, Valerie Hilliard**

1. Items will be delivered the week of November 26th. Tanya, Kim Fuller, Kim Milliken will be unpacking and setting up.
2. Budget envelopes will be sent out after Thanksgiving with an explanatory letter.
3. Volunteers are still needed to help during the shop as personal shoppers and to re-stock inventory. The shop will be taking place December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> with a make-up day on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

**V. New Business**

**A. Family Fun Day**

In the past MESPA has sponsored a family roller skate night during February vacation. However, all of the nearby roller rinks have closed. Kathy mentioned that the Whitin Community center opens their facility for roller skating on Friday nights as well as the pool for swimming. She will look into the possibility of MESPA renting it on a weeknight during February vacation.

**VI. Committees**

**A. Banking – Patrice Pickering**

Patrice will be holding a training day on November 15<sup>th</sup> for volunteers and banking will start on November 16th. There is a full schedule of volunteers for the 22 days of banking. Volunteers work in pairs, with a seasoned volunteer working with a new volunteer. All volunteers have been CORI'd.

**B. Yearbook – Janet Davis**

1. The theme for this year is "It's a Jungle Out There."
2. Photographers have already been busy taking pictures. If anyone has photos they would like to submit, they will be accepted electronically either on disk, flash drive, or memory card. Please speak with Janet.
3. The yearbook software has been downloaded and set-up can begin.

**C. Recess – Donna Tringali**

No update.

**D. Beautification – Kari Pisano**

No update.

**E. Cultural – Tammy Austin**

No update.

**F. Volunteer - Already covered above.**

**G. Fundraising - Already covered above.**

**H. Welcome – Tammy Austin**

No update.

**VII. Correspondence and Other Matters**

None.

**VIII. Mrs. Tetreault's Requests and Comments**

**A. Requests**

1. Mr. Isenberg requests.

a) \$150 for supplies for mileage club;

b) \$120 for digital photo processing;

c) Not to exceed \$200 for awards for grade 2 Jump Rope Olympics in February;

d) Up to \$300 for New England Paralyzed vets (Mrs. Tetreault will use the box tops money for this);

e) \$50 for ribbons for Grade 1 Math Olympics

2. Ms. McMichael – a \$350 stipend for Pattern Block Club for Grade 3. This club will develop geometric and spatial skills and can accommodate up to 12 students.

3. Mrs. Ganis – a \$350 stipend for Computer Club 1 for Grade 4, 12 students. For this club students will create a portfolio using the computer, scanner, digital camera, and MS Word.

4. Mrs. Avril - \$110 for membership to the Recycling for Rhode Island Education. This non-profit was initiated by women and diverts clean, non-toxic, excess corporate materials to educators. She is asking for the \$60 membership and \$50 spending.

5. Mrs. Tetreault presented an idea of 2 \$350 stipends for two evening programs for teachers to teach parents the Everyday Math program. Session 1 would be for grades 1-3 and session 2 would be for grades 4-5. The initial thought was to have 4 90-minute sessions with a minimum of 10 people. While there is definitely a need for this, members expressed concerns: not sure if people would sign up for 4 sessions, perhaps only two; MESPA would like to see a minimum of 20 participants. Mrs. Tetreault will bring this back to teachers for further thought.

6. MESPA approved \$1330 for Mr. Isenberg's requests, Ms. McMichael and Mrs. Ganis' stipends, and Mrs. Avril's request.

**IX. Our next meeting is Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**