

**Millville Elementary School Parents Association  
Minutes for February 7, 2008**

**I. Attendance**

Peggy Fowler	Janet Davis	Kim Fuller
Kathy Stearman	Valerie Hilliard	Cristen Flanagan
Kim Milliken	Diane Homand	Maria Olbrys
Elaine Provost	Jason Golden	?

**II. Introductions – Welcome**

**III. Standard Reports**

- A. Secretary's Report for January – read and accepted.
- B. Treasurer's Report for January – read and accepted.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. BJ's Membership Drive – Peggy Fowler**

Still waiting for BJ's to process all of the applications.

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

1. Family Photo Fundraiser – November 15, 2008.

**C. Newsletter – Cristen Flanagan**

1. An electronic newsletter went out last week. It was excellent. Thank you everyone for your input.
2. There will be a hard copy newsletter going out in the spring.

**D. Volunteer Update – Kim Fuller**

If you need any volunteers please e-mail Kim and she can give you a list.

**E. MESPA Folders – Kim Fuller**

No update.

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

Volunteers are needed for March 20, April 17 and May 15. Please e-mail Cindy at [dnordquist@charter.net](mailto:dnordquist@charter.net) if you can help.

**G. Year Long Fundraising**

1. Box tops – Kathy will be sending in box tops from February 14<sup>th</sup>. No numbers to report.
2. Campbell's Labels – no update.

**H. Family Fun Day – Kathy Stearman**

1. The flier has gone home. Everything is all set.
2. Don't forget to bring the flier for Papa Gino's. This is the only way MESPA will get credit.

**I. MESPA Web Site**

Peggy's daughter Alex will be setting up the web-site as part of a school project. She will be meeting with Kim Fuller to work on the content of the site.

**J. Mother & Son Dance**

1. The dance will be held at the VFW in Uxbridge on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. Neil Primeaux has been booked as the photographer, but the DJ we have used in the past is no longer working as a DJ. Peggy will talk with Sue Fish about the DJ they use at the middle school.
3. Proposed theme: 'Greased Lightning.' The facility will not allow us to use tape. This will be a problem with the decorations. Kim F. will check to see if using painter's tape will be okay.

**K. Variety Show – Kari Pisano & Kristen Emerson**

1. The first round of auditions were held in January, but only 1 person showed. Kari and Kristen have lots of ideas for acts, they just need people willing to fill the roles. It was suggested that the advertising should let people know that they can participate in an act and not necessarily need to create their own.
2. There will be a meeting on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Kari's house at 9 Domenic St.
3. A \$200 working budget was approved for this project.

**L. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration**

1. Montage – Janet Davis. A flier was sent home asking for help with collecting and sorting the photos. Several people responded. Another flier was sent home requesting photo submissions. So far, seven people have turned in their photos. Janet will be meeting with volunteers on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to sort and organize the photos
2. Breakfast – Diane Homand. Diane will contact the food service here at MES.
3. T-shirts – Diane Homand. Diane will look into ordering shirts through the middle school.
4. Breezy Acres – Diane Homand. – Diane will preview Patrice’s files from last year.

**M. Spring Fundraiser**

Money is short right now. Ideas were discussed for fundraisers: water bottles, coffee mugs, sponsors for a hoop throwing contest. If you have any ideas, please e-mail Peggy at [Peggy.fowler@uas.net](mailto:Peggy.fowler@uas.net).

**V. New Business and Upcoming Events**

**A. School Planners**

\$300 was approved for the purchase of school planners for next year.

**B. Spirit Items/ Beach Towels**

Patrice will have information at the next meeting about prices, options, etc.

**C. PTO Expo**

1. The expo will be Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 3 pm, at the Best Western in Marlborough. There will be many vendors to sample items for fundraisers and live entertainment. Tickets are \$10.
2. \$40 was approved to book 4 tickets for our group. If you would like to attend, please e-mail Peggy at [Peggy.fowler@usa.net](mailto:Peggy.fowler@usa.net).

**VI. Committees**

**A. Banking – Patrice Pickering**

No update.

**B. Yearbook – Janet Davis**

1. The cover art has been submitted and we have received a proof copy. It looks fantastic. Thank you to Kim Fuller for putting it together and all of the fifth graders for their artwork. For the hard covers for the fifth grade there will not be student photos as it will block the cover art.
2. Many photos are still needed. Candid photos are needed for : Mrs. Ruscitti’s class, the preschool classes, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Miss Bowen’s class, and Mrs. Cignoli. Any body who is able to take photos will need to contact Mrs. Tetreault in advance at [etetreault@bmrdsd.net](mailto:etetreault@bmrdsd.net). If you have photos that you need to submit, Janet can loan you an SD card or a thumb drive. She can also take photos on disc.
3. So far there are 4 pages out of 52 complete. Janet showed the pages and did a demonstration of the software.
4. It is unclear if we will have any retiring faculty. If not, then there will be a dedication page to Mr. Isenberg.
5. Janet will not be doing the yearbook next year. Her recommendation is to have 4 co-editors, with each one being responsible for a section of the yearbook: year in review, fifth grade, class candid photos, staff and clubs.

**C. Recess – Donna Tringali**

No update.

**D. Beautification – Kari Pisano**

No update.

**E. Cultural – Tammy Austin**

Tammy had submitted grant proposals to the Millville Cultural council. We were approved for the storyteller this spring and Kaleidoscope theatre in the fall. Each grant was for \$500.

- F. **Volunteer** - Already covered above.
- G. **Fundraising** - Already covered above.
- H. **Welcome – Tammy Austin**  
No update.

## **VII. Correspondence and Other Matters**

### **A. Core Meeting – Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm at FWHMS**

The CORE meetings are an effort of the school committee to communicate better with the communities. The focus for this meeting is to meet with parent groups.

### **B. Superintendent Search Committee**

One parent from the elementary school is needed to serve on this committee. The meetings are February 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> all day, and Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. If you are interested in serving on this committee, apply to fhartnett@bmrdsd.net.

### **C. Kindergarten Study Committee**

Kathy Stearman has been selected to serve on this committee. However, she and many others are confused as to the purpose of this committee. Some are under the impression that we did receive the grant for full day kindergarten, while others say the grant was to conduct a study on full day kindergarten. Mrs. Olbrys believes that Suzanne Cullen will be sending home a note to clarify.

Preschool

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

### **A. Comments**

Mrs. Ganis sent samples of work that students have done in the recent computer club for fourth graders.

### **B. Requests**

1. Mr. Isenberg is requesting a \$350 stipend for a ping-pong club for the fifth grade to meet on Monday afternoons, March 3 – April 7. This club was approved, however, a concern was raised that the fifth grade already has 3 clubs happening on Monday afternoons, chess, scrabble, and AOK.
2. Mrs. Ganis has requested a \$350 stipend for a computer club for the fourth grade. Since she has already run two computer clubs for the fourth grade, we have decided to table this request. MESPA would like to see more variety in clubs offered, especially since funds are very short.

## **IX. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**