

**Millville Elementary School Parents Association  
Minutes for March 6, 2008**

**I. Attendance**

Peggy Fowler	Janet Davis	Kim Fuller
Kathy Stearman	Kate Correia	Cristen Flanagan
Kim Milliken	Diane Homand	Cindy Rainone
Michelle King	Jason Golden	Julie Kearnan
Mrs. Tetreault	Tammy Austin	

**II. Introductions – Welcome**

**III. Standard Reports**

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

**IV. Old Business**

**A. BJ’s Membership Fundraiser – Peggy Fowler**

This has been processed. Everyone should be all set. If you have any problems please contact Peggy.

**B. Newsletter – Cristen Flanagan**

No update.

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

Everything is running smooth. Cindy does a good job recruiting.

**D. Year Long Fundraising**

- 1. Box tops – were sent in last week for a total of \$125.10. The deadline was Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The AOK club turned in a big batch after the deadline. Kathy will submit these at the end of the school year to be counted for the next deadline of October 31.
- 2. Campbell’s Labels – The AOK club clipped 1000 points of labels. (Cindy sent them a thank you.) Cindy will mail these out next week. MES was credited for the broken recorder. At present there are over 900 points in our account. If we send in another 500 before June, we can get an additional 500. Check the Shaw’s receipts, there are Campbell’s points on the back.

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

- 1. There were about 50- 60 children who attended. Most of the children chose swimming over roller skating. The Community Center did a great job assisting everyone and there were plenty of guards and staff.
- 2. It is felt the low attendance was due to many people being sick.
- 3. MESPA earned \$84 from the Papa Gino’s portion.
- 4. Overall, this event was low effort, so it is worth trying again next year.

**F. MESPA Web Site**

- 1. Peggy’s daughter Alex is working on the site. There will be a link off of MES. Kim Fuller and Peter Quark from EMC are mentoring Alex.
- 2. Cristen has talked with Brad Monroe from the district and sent old minutes and agendas. There is concern about bombarding the technology department as they are under staffed. It would be better to just send newsletters and save minutes and agendas for our own web site.

**G. Mother & Son Dance**

- 1. Decorations – since we can’t use tape, Kim has checked the facility and discovered that there are existing nails and hooks in place that we can use to affix decorations. Sarah McNamara is willing to do decorations, but needs to be aware of the guidelines.
- 2. Invitations – The only paper Peggy could find was juke box paper, which was kind of pricey. Cindy expressed that she can help with the cost of color copying if Peggy would like to create her own.
- 3. DJ – still trying to find a DJ. Tammy and Cindy will look into this. Hoping to spend about \$125.

4. A working budget of \$500 was approved.

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

1. A lot more people showed up for the second round of auditions. However, it is still mostly kids. More teens and adults are needed.

2. Posters were sent to the high school, but were not put up because the dates conflict with high school events.

3. The show is being planned for May 7 and 8. There will be 6 rehearsals and 3 dress rehearsals. The rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings, beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>.

4. Concern was expressed about whether there was enough material ready to go, enough people to fill the parts, and enough time to get everything done. It was suggested to perhaps postpone until fall, giving time over the summer to create scripts and do a casting call in September.

5. There is still a lot of confusion – is this for kids or adults? Is this a talent show or a variety show? Do people need to have their own acts or are you looking for actors?

**I. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration – Janet Davis and Diane Homand**

1. Montage – All but 6 children have submitted photos. Mrs. Tetreault will call them. People will be meeting at Janet's house on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to sort and organize the photos.

2. Breezy Acres has been contacted and booked for June 19th. Prices have gone up. MESPA has decided to not supply coupons for ice cream. The admission price for the group rate is \$14. However, if you choose not to slide you can pay \$8 at door.

3. T-shirts – no update.

4. Breakfast – no update.

**J. Spirit Items**

No update.

**K. PTO Expo**

4 people will be attending – Cristen, Kim, Elaine, and Julie. They will be looking for anything new and different with fundraising.

**V. New Business and Upcoming Events**

**A. BMEF Members**

The Blackstone-Millville Education Foundation is seeking new members. BMEF conducts an annual golf outing and uses the money to give grants within the district. Help is needed in organizing the golf outing and sorting grants. Please contact Peggy if you are interested.

**B. Staff Appreciation – Friday, May 9th**

Kathy Stearman will chair this event, which involves sending out invitations and coordinating food. Cristen will once again make the fruit salad. Tammy and Kate have volunteered to bake. A working budget of \$400 was approved.

**VI. Committees**

**A. Banking – Patrice Pickering**

No update.

**B. Yearbook – Janet Davis**

1. The disposable cameras from the preschool have been turned in. Cristen has volunteered to develop onto disk.

2. Geskus will be here tomorrow for spring pictures, class pictures, and club photos.

3. Help is needed to continue creating pages. Please contact Janet to meet with her if you can help.

**C. Recess – Donna Tringali**

No update.

**D. Beautification – Kari Pisano**

No update.

**E. Cultural – Tammy Austin**

1. Tammy is hoping to meet with people in April to sort through info and figure out which presentations we would like to have. These ideas would be presented at the May MESPA meeting. The grant proposal would be submitted by June 20<sup>th</sup> for the 2009 calendar year.
2. Tammy still needs to contact Kaleidoscope and find out more details about a presentation in the fall. MESPA did receive grant approval for this presentation, however, we would still need to pay upfront.

**F. Volunteer**

Kim inquired about volunteer appreciation. The suggestion was made to perhaps put volunteer names on handprints and display in front lobby area. Perhaps a photo could be taken of the display and put in the newspaper.

**G. Fundraising Ideas**

1. Spaghetti Supper/Meat Raffle – Cristen will call Lenny Desjardins and seek his advice. Dianne will contact Tom Houle about the Polish American hall.
2. Town Wide Spelling Bee – charge admission
3. Breck's Bulb catalog – very easy to run; items are shipped directly to customer; reliable; MESPA would receive 45%; Peggy will look into.
4. MESPA denied a Home & Garden Party candle fundraiser and an Arbonne Cosmetics fundraiser.
5. Sell ad space in the newsletter – perhaps \$40 for the year, starting in September. This was approved.

**H. Welcome – Tammy Austin**

No update.

**VII. Correspondence and Other Matters**

**A. Middle School Presentation – March 25<sup>th</sup> at FWHMS**

There will still be a presentation at MES later in the spring.

**B. Concord Farms Holiday Shop**

MESPA approved signing a contract for next year.

**C. Full Day Kindergarten Committee**

There will not be full-day kindergarten for 08-09. There is more work that needs to be done to research curricula, communicate with parents, and do more fact-finding. Hoping to make a recommendation before summer.

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

**A. Comments**

The superintendent search is happening now. Interviews will be Saturday and Monday.

**B. Requests**

1. Mr. Isenberg is requesting another \$350 stipend for a Friday afternoon ping-pong club for the fifth grade since there were 30 respondents to the first one.
2. Ms. McMichael is requesting a stipend for grade 2 number games club.
3. Both of these were denied at this time due to lack of funds. MESPA extends the invitation to submit again next month.
4. Evening Math Club – Mrs. Smith is running the club for parents to learn everyday math terminology. There are four sessions alternating on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**IX. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.**