PTO Meeting Minutes - November 15, 2011

I. Voted on Minutes from November. They can be found on the school website.

II. Principal's Report – Mrs. Killion

- Town Meeting Member vote for District 9 is coming in April. It would be great to have parents on the Town Meeting so that schools are made a priority so if parents are interested they should run for a seat.
- Wednesday, January 25th was specified as "No Name Calling Day" by Gov. Patrick. For the Prescott it was renamed "Give a Compliment Day" and the children were encouraged to give compliments. They also were going to write the compliments on paper and attached to a bulletin board at school.
- MCAS meeting will be combined with next PTO meeting. There is no MCAS prep at the Prescott this year due to budget cuts.
- Enrichment had great interest. Some of the programs had enough children to run with all who signed up and others had to be done by lottery since they exceeded the maximum amount of students. Notes were sent home in backpacks if the students got into a program. The programs start the week of February 2nd and the fee is $40 to be paid on the 1st class day.

III. Kim Federico – Boks session launch

- There is going to be one leader for each day (runs Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Richele Petrillo and Linda Schorer). There are also 3 parent volunteers assigned per day. As well parent volunteers to fill in if needed. They have all been through the training at Reebok and had great feedback about the program.
- Kim put together the Welcome letter for those that made it in the lottery. It explains all the parents need to know about the program and what is needed for each student.
- The program starts the week of February 6th at 7:45.
- There is a list of items that aren't in the gym now but we did receive a grant from Harvard Pilgrim for the program and that can help to pay for those items.
- The leaders will be paid a stipend from the enrollment fees since they will do considerable work to set up and maintain the program. The leftover money will be kept in the program to be used for the next session in the fall.

IV. Treasurer's Report – Karen Barrett

- Homework club was not self funded since not enough students participated.
- Updated budget with figures from the December Holiday party included.

V. Enrichment – Myev Bodenhofer

- Brian Lies – author visit was a success. Teachers and students were pleased with his presentation.
- Valerie Tutson will be in Monday, January 30th. For the 1st and 2nd graders she will present "Tales from Africa" and the 3rd through 5th she will present "Right to Liberty".
- Bamidele Dancers will be coming in March to perform dances from West Africa, Brazil and the Caribbean for the whole school.
- Bubble man Math will be coming in April.

VI. Fundraising

- Carrie Barrows has been getting calls about the Book Fair for the fall. There was a discussion about having the fair open after school so that parents could come in as they pick up the students. Everyone agrees that would be helpful. They also agree that the book selection needs to be reviewed and have more for the older students.
- Restaurant fundraiser – Karen McCue has been in contact with Texas Roadhouse and will get back to us with more info. Talked about possibly other restaurants/ideas, Pizzeria Uno, The Sweeterie
- Movie night sometime in February – date/time tba
- Bingo night – date/time tba
- 5th grade bake sale during the April elections
- 5th grade Pasta Supper will be in March. Karen M. will contact the 5th grade committee on this.
- Providence Bruins had a great response and that will be February 12th.

VII. Next PTO meeting Tuesday, February 28th