

Sol Feinstone Elementary School  
PTO Meeting  
February 7th, 2008

**Executive Board Members in Attendance:** Ellen Petri, Melissa Wilson, Mary Copperthwaite, Aileen McQuarrie, Kristin Meranda

**Call to Order:** Ellen Petri called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Principal's Report, Mrs. Pladsen:**

Mrs. Pladsen introduced Scott Duckworth, the Sol Feinstone D.A.R.E. Officer. He will be on campus every Friday until the end of the school year. The core D.A.R.E. program is for 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but he will be meeting with other grades as well.

Mrs. Pladsen reminded parents to observe safety rules in the parking lot and to send children to school on the bus whenever possible to reduce congestion.

**Secretary's Report, Kristin Meranda:**

Kim Gibbons made a motion to approve the minutes from January 2008. Motion passed.

Kristin read thank you notes from Pat Crooks, thanking the PTO for the programming enhancement funding they provide, and from Michael Biarnes, the recipient of the Shannon Gold Memorial Scholarship.

**Treasurer's Report, Mary Copperthwaite:**

Mary reviewed the February Treasurer's Report. The Wrapping Paper line now includes on line sales, and we saved a sizable amount of money by changing insurance carriers. Gina Geronime made a motion to approve the Report. Motion passed.

Mary has begun budget planning for the 2008-09 school year. Committee Chairs are encouraged to submit proposed budgets. There will be a budget meeting in March.

**Committee Reports**

**Nominating Committee – Lisa Gunshenan:** A Nominating Committee has been appointed to fill PTO Board and Executive Board positions. Please contact Lisa, Aileen McQuarrie or Nancy Heyrich if you are interested in volunteering.

**Family Activities – Ellen Petri for Jennifer Ceslak:** Mother/Son Bowling is February 10<sup>th</sup>, and the Father/Daughter Dance on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Information about each of the events is available on the PTO website.

**Welcome Committee – Ellen Petri for Tanja Sendak:** The Welcome Committee needs several volunteers to help with compiling New Family Packets and planning the New Student Orientation and New Family Teas. Please contact Tanja if you are interested.

**Fundraising –Cari Grundman:** Volunteers are needed to help sell lollipops the week of February 11<sup>th</sup>. Note cards depicting the Mosaic will be available in the spring and information about the Art Ware fundraiser will be coming home soon.

**School Spirit – Holly Gross:** Lots of items are still available for purchase.

**Market Day – Clancy Strobel:** There will be a cookie sale this month.

**Diversity – Kim Gibbons:** International Day, celebrating the country of Mexico, was January 25<sup>th</sup>. Art, music and gym classes had special activities based on this theme and the cafeteria served a special lunch. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes had multicultural presentations during January. Over the following months, third graders will see a presentation by Kids on the Block and will learn about the Special Olympics. Representatives from SAGE will be reading to grades K -1. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will listen to an African American Revolutionary Soldier Reinactor. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be visited by a Holocaust Survivor.

**Middle School Liaison – Ellen Petri for Deb VanAken:** Newtown Middle School is currently filling PTA positions. Contact Deb if you are interested.

#### **Announcements**

There will be another Half Day Hoagie Sale on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Neighborhood Outreach fundraiser is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Money raised helps needy families within the Council Rock School District.

Kim Gibbons asked Committee Chairs to read their job descriptions on the PTO website and contact Kim with any changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Meranda  
Secretary, Sol Feinstone PTO