

Friends of Ipswich Elementary Schools - Winthrop

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2010

Welcome: Jen Bauman and Katie Gillis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5th Grade Parent Recognition: Jen thanked the parents who have been instrumental in the success of FRIES over the past several years. These are parents whose last child is graduating from Winthrop: Lauren Adams, Karen Barnes, Sue Brengle, Josephine Brouillette, Karen Corning, Patty Dumont, Romy Gardner, Mary Hanna, Deb Lindahl, Tracy Maidment, Julie Martineau, Vicki Parker, Kathy Sullivan, and Lori Wirvin. Thank you!

Coins for a CAUSE: Once again, the Institution for Savings bank is giving Winthrop 100% of the 5% processing fee for all coins converted into currency for the month of May. Last year we received \$1,023. Jen will put a reminder in the Wednesday Weekly.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Jen Anderson reported that the unrestricted balance as of May 12, 2010 is \$29,889. Seven budget requests were submitted and discussed: 1. \$2,180 for the replacement of tumbling mats in the gym; 2. \$2,575 for seed money for the ice cream social; 3. \$475 for seed money for the Tiger Trot; 4. \$300 for 5th grade end of year activities; 5. \$6,300 for Special Programming; 6. No money - extension of playground request until September 30, 2010; and 7. \$435 for 2nd grade Museum of Science traveling program. All requests were unanimously approved by the budget committee and FRIES members.

Fundraising Committee: Danielle Scobert reviewed the fundraising activities this year: gift wrap - \$5,500, family game night - \$550, read-a-thon - \$1,100, CocoKey - \$1,100, and joint auction - \$14,100. Next year we may do the Tiger Trot in the fall and bring back Red Sox bingo in the spring. Great job Danielle!

Ice Cream Social: Tania Lawrence reported that the social is on Friday, June 4th. She is trying to encourage more families to picnic on the lawn. Pizza will not be provided but perhaps the local pizza restaurants will give the school a percentage of sales back to Winthrop. She is seeking more volunteers and more grab bag items.

Playground Committee: Sheila and Sara will be meeting with the Parks and Cemetery workers to schedule a time for them to grade parts of the playground. This summer the existing climbing structure will be removed and replaced with a new climbing arch. Sara is

ordering special playground mulch and will be looking for volunteers this summer to help spread it.

Special Programs: A very enthusiastic Kerrie Bates (perhaps it was the post-knee surgery meds) reported that the speakers and performers that have come to Winthrop this year have been fantastic. She and Kathryn McQuaid are on the North Shore Arts Council and are able to preview performers and talk to other enrichment volunteers from other schools. Kerrie was recently named Co-President to this council. Congratulations Kerrie and thank you and Kathryn for bringing such memorable performers to Winthrop! They're already working on booking several performers for next year!

Teacher Appreciation: Teacher Appreciation week was fun for all. FRIES provided flowers, bookmarkers, bagels and coffee, and a great lunch for all staff. We received very thoughtful thank you cards from the staff and individual teachers. We feel lucky to have such wonderful educators in our children's lives.

Volunteers In School (VIS): Kathy Hopping has sent volunteer names to Rollie Hinckley for field day, Sara Corcoran for Tiger Trot, Tania Lawrence for the ice cream social, and Amy DeBose for the art show. Lots of help needed for the many activities coming up!

Next FRIES meeting is September 2010. Thank you for a great year!