

Warwick ALAP PTA Minutes
Warwick Public Library small meeting room
October 20, 2010

Attendees

Alissa Dusseault	Secretary	Wyman
Ted Larson	President	Wyman
Marie Hopkins	Vice Pres	St. Peter's
Tiffany Sy	Treasurer	Holliman
Anne Siesel	ALAP Coordinator	
Brenda Carcieri	Parent	Cedar Hill
Ed Racca	Parent	Sherman
Kathy Ferguson	Parent	JBF
Patrick Maloney	Parent	JBF
Amy Leclaire	Parent	Wyman
Michelle Barrett	Parent	Greenwood
Suresh Thyralappil	Parent	Scott
Elfa Sanchez	Parent	Hoxie
Sarah Lockhart	Parent	Warwick Neck
Reklee Mehara	Parent	John Wickes
Deanna Perry	Parent	Warwick Neck
Souky Lizthisack	Parent	Warwick Neck
Helen Ferreira	Parent	Scott
Demetri Ayres	Parent	Hoxie
Heather Viveiros Murphy	Parent	Norwood
Tom Portesi	Parent	Cedar Hill
Tom Hornstein	Teacher	
Lissa Scarpellino	Teacher	

Ted called the meeting to order at 7:06.

Introductions were made by everyone present.

Minutes from September were reviewed. Kathy Ferguson motioned to accept, Marie Hopkins seconded.

Ted asked that people review the by-laws on line so that they can be approved at the next meeting. The by-laws have been accepted by the state PTA and will be motioned upon at the next meeting.

Meeting Dates were scheduled as follows.

November 17th - Warwick Public Library small meeting room

December 15th - Warwick Public Library small meeting room

These dates will be posted to the website

Dr Siesel's report:

RE: Connect ED. Dr Siesel spoke with IT manager and was able to get the Superintendent's and Bob Bushell's approval to use Connect Ed for communication to ALAP families. The use of Connect Ed will be restricted to announcements such as monthly meetings and special events.

RE: using First Class to ease continuity of communication for ALAP, we are unable to access first class due to cost.

At this point, she needs 10 parents' emails, 4 or 5 bounced back from the recent email blast.

The teachers are being honored with the RI Gifted and Talented Educators of the Year, Advocacy for Gifted and Talented Award. They will be attending the NE Conference for G+T Education in Hartford CT. The theme is Social and Emotional Needs of Gifted Children.

Teacher's report:

Lissa: is done presenting summer projects. Gearing up for research projects

Tom: working on deductive math reasoning. The 5th and 6th graders are working on the University of Massachusetts Math Challenge. It is an international program and the kids are doing great with it and having fun.

Teachers will be attending a conference this fall, paid for by the PTA.

Treasurer's report:

The account at Citizens Bank currently has \$3,503.23.

August: conference charge \$877.50.

September: post office box fee \$60.00.

Communications Liaison Report:

Marie has contact list and is troubleshooting how to send out email blasts efficiently.

We had volunteers sign up for different areas, she will be in touch.

Can we set up a Facebook page? Marie will look into the "Social media and networking policy" to see if we can use a group page.

Fundraising:

The magazines fundraiser will run from October 25 - November 12. Kids will get a "thumbs up" pen as a prize. There will be 3 \$25 gift certificates to the top sellers, maybe a drawing to win a "family night" package. Total cost would be ~ \$125.

We will have Chili's coupon night on November 1, 2010. People should hand out coupons to friends and family. The coupons are available online.

Other options are Spike's, Chelo's, Papa Gino's and Texas Road House.

Dr Siesel is proposing combining forces with the Instrumental Program to help increase participation in restaurant nights. Can these events be promoted as social events for the kids to bring in more people? There was a question from the group as to whether this would bring too many people? Would people be turned away? The general consensus is that it wouldn't be a problem.

Ted proposes trying to do one restaurant night a month

Marie is proposing a day at Thayer arena for a field trip, social outing for the kids. Thayer rents for \$150 hour. It could be used as a small fundraiser or we could just collect money to recoup cost. Marie will check on available dates.

Open House Prep:

The Open House will be October 28, 2010 at John Wickes at 7:00 pm. We will be using the Auditorium, Library and all purpose room. Dr Siesel and Ted will greet at front door to direct families to room. Need commitment from 3 people to help give info to parents.

Patrick will put directions online

Teachers will be giving information specific to what they are working on in their schools.

ALAP University will be held on March 5, 2011. Planning meetings will be held after regular PTA meetings.

Ted adjourned the meeting at 7:53