

Warwick ALAP PTA Minutes  
School Admin Building  
September 8, 2010

Attendees

Alissa Dusseault	Secretary	Wyman
Ted Larson	President	Wyman
Amy Geary	Parent	Wyman
Marie Hopkins	Vice Pres	St. Peter's
Tiffany Sy	Treasurer	Holliman
Brenda Carcieri	parent	Cedar Hill
Ed Racca	Parent	Sherman
Celeste Leal	Parent	Wyman
Kathy Ferguson	Parent	JBF
Patrick Maloney	Parent	JBF
Tom Hornstein	Teacher	
Lissa Scarpellino	Teacher	
Anne Siesel		
Lori Sheridan	Teacher	

Ted called the meeting to order at 7:10

Introductions were made by everyone present. Ted reviewed the minutes from the May meeting. They will be posted on the website so members can review them. A motion will be made to accept them at the next meeting.

Meeting Dates were scheduled as follows.

October 20th

November 17th

December 15th

These dates will be posted to the website

Ted or Alissa will secure meeting space at either the Warwick Public library or the administration building.

**Dr Siesel's report:**

Lori is doing well in her position.

Dr Siesel needs only 18 more emails to have 100% of the children's contact information.

The ALAP opening letter is ready to go out to families. This year's theme is "Communication - Impacting our lives past, present and future".

There will be two separate "open houses".

- First, a new parent informational meeting on October 6 at Winman Jr High at 7:00pm.

- The second is the open house at which teachers will meet with parents from their school in separate rooms at Wickes on October 28th at 7:00 pm.

**Teacher's report:**

Lissa and Tom discussed creating more outside activities, clubs/field trips.

Club activities could include Lego Robotics, Destination Imagination and /or Odyssey of the mind. These activities would need parent "coaches" for maybe 8-10 meetings with the kids. PTA could help with supplies.

Field trip would be a nice way to acknowledge the work the kids do. A dedicated 6th grade trip, a mixed 4th/5th grade trip and a simple 3rd grade trip. Busing / transportation would be an issue

Could parents pull together simple outside field trips such as RISD museum?

Bringing back competitions such as spelling and geography bees and math counts Also bringing back book club this year.

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

**Treasurer's report:**

Tiffany has transferred information into quicken to make accounting easier.

The account at Citizen's Bank currently has \$4,440.

### **Committee Creation / Special Events / Communication:**

ALAP University will need subcommittees. It will not be discussed at general membership meetings as Promised by Ted to the teachers. We need to bring parents in to help.

Field trip committee to be created?

Marie will handle communications and finding liaisons for the schools. Dr Siesel will get master list to Marie so we can send out an email blast asking for help from parents.

Dr Siesel will look into setting up an ALAP@ warwickpublicschools email address that could be forwarded to the appropriate people, with forwarding addresses changed as the board changes. She will also look into using "Connect ED" to contact ALAP families with messages about upcoming meetings and events.

### **Other Business:**

The by-laws from 6/07 will be changed in accordance with State PTA regulations allowing the treasurer to sign checks. An update is due anyway and a few other changes will be made according the model that was given to us by the State PTA.

Fundraising: the magazines fundraiser will run from October 25 - November 12. We will also have restaurant days (possible subcommittee) that may include any of the following:

- Papa Gino's
- Spike's
- Chelo's
- Chili's
- ?Usbourne book night

ALAP University will be help on February 26, 2011

Ted adjourned the meeting at 8:06