

OSWEGATCHIE SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

January 8, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Burdsall welcomed OSO members, Mrs. Macione and three teachers.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Macione thanked Terry Abate for her December fundraising coordination. The first Enrichment Fun Friday was held, a special thank you to Susan Smith for entering all of the necessary data into the computer. The Enrichment Fun Friday included a total of 17 activities, with 25 staff and 4 parent volunteers helping out. The Enrichment Fun Fridays will be held once per month.

The official groundbreaking ceremony was held on January 7, 2008. The third grade students participated. The construction fence will be installed first. A brand new facility anticipated to open its doors in August, 2009.

The Lego League will launch soon.

Teachers Introduction and Report

The OSO welcomed Mrs. Sutherland, Mrs. Campbell and Mr. Cillino. Mrs. Sutherland reported that the second session of Writer's Club begins next week. Mr. Cillino reported that the Lego League begins on January 10th. He has met with parent volunteers; 36 students are currently enrolled in the Lego League. Each Lego kit costs \$85.95; the school currently owns one kit; additional kits are needed. Mr. Cillino reported that the Lego League hopes to display their work during Science Night.

Motion: Kathleen Elbaum made a motion to purchase five additional Lego kits; Scott Kensel seconded the motion; motion passed.

President's Report

Sharon reported she received an email from Senora Cano regarding a Mexican artist to visit Oswegatchie School in the spring. The cost for the artist is \$550 (of which is not currently in the Assembly budget line).

Motion: Laura Bracket made the motion to expend \$550 and invite the Mexican artist to Oswegatchie School; motion seconded by Sue Tillinghast; motion passed.

Sharon thanked all those who donated items for the giving tree. All of the gifts were delivered to the Waterford Youth Services Bureau for distribution to the family in need. An artificial tree

was purchased; to be used as the “giving tree”. This program will continue year to year. The OSO discussed the idea of adopting two families next year.

Sharon reported that the OSO received a request from the Waterford High School graduating class seeking donations for their Drug & Alcohol free graduation party. \$100 was budgeted in 2004 and the money has not been spent to date. The OSO discussed and confirmed that \$100 will be donated this year to the WHS graduation party.

Treasurer’s Report

Mike Brandt distributed December 2007 and January 2008 budget reports. The OSO discussed that any “returned check fees” (i.e., insufficient funds) should be the responsibility of the parent/guardian who originally wrote the check. Terry Abate forwarded to Mike Brandt a check from Reader’s Digest.

Committee and Event Report

Movie Nights

The Movie Nights Committee was formed, consisting of Melanie Petchark, Tracey Cavalieri and Stacey Wielachowski. The next movie night will be held on January 25th. Via email, Sharon Burdsall will send to Tracy all material regarding movie nights.

Pasta Dinner

Scott Kensel reported that the Oswegatchie Pasta Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2008. Melanie Petchark forwarded to Scott a folder that contains all of the paperwork from last year’s pasta night. Scott reported that a flyer will be distributed in the Friday Folder announcing the date and asking for volunteers. The night will include servings/seatings at 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Advance tickets will be sold (prebuy discount) and tickets will also be available at the door; 5th grade students will help serve the dinner. Door prizes will be available; winners do not have to be in attendance to claim prizes. Funds will also be raised by selling advertising space on place mats that will be printed; Nancy Macione to check with the WHS graphics department to solicit help.

Gymnastics

Laura Brackett reported parent volunteers are needed. A “behavior note” system will be implemented; should a gymnastic participant receive three “behavior notes”, he/she will not be allowed to further participate in the program. Yoga will be offered this year as part of the gymnastics program.

Fundraising

Terry Abate reported on the Monster Golf Nights fundraising program. An idea of having one night for guardian/girl and one night for guardian/boy was discussed; flat fee of \$6 per ticket; use

of the “party room” will be available, perhaps food could be sold in the “party room” as an additional fundraising effort.

Liaison Committee

Laura Brackett reported that \$50 dues are needed from the Treasurer. Tracey Cavalieri will be in attendance at the meeting on January 22. Laura reported that the new school calendars (through 2010) will be distributed to each student; the last three days of school will all be half-days. Laura reported on the geothermal holes dug at Quaker Hill, as well as Southwest’s winter fundraising, Math Night (1/10/08) and Bingo Night (1/25/08).

New Business/Old Business

Lend A Hand, Help Those in Need – Mike Brandt thanked Claudia Bouchard for all of her help. Mike thanked the Oswegatchie Fire Department for their donation of toys to the project; one half will be donated to the Red Cross and one half will be donated to the Department of Consumer Protection. Mike will contact Lawrence & Memorial Hospital to ask about their acceptance of donated toys. \$100 in cash donations was accepted; the OSO discussed donating this money to Operation Fuel. Mike reported that the trailer will be moved once the ground is frozen.

The OSO discussed a “pasta donation” for the March movie night.

Pancake Breakfast – The OSO discussed potentially scheduling the Pancake Breakfast to be held on 2/8/08. Sharon Burdsall will prepare a flyer asking for committee members and volunteers; flyer to be distributed in the next Friday folder.

Oswegatchie School Play – Teresa Wilensky reported that the play, “Tales from the Barnyard” is “up and running” with 80+ members of the cast. Teresa is putting together a binder that contains all of the information regarding the school play. This year will be Teresa’s last coordinating the school play.

Good and Welfare

Thank you note received from Mrs. N for the \$75 donation to the library. Thank you note received from Mrs. Campbell for “continued support”. Thank you note received from Mrs. Winthrop for “OSO support”. Thank you note from Ginny Murray for the gift.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.