

PHELPS PTO MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2011

- **ATTENDANCE:** S. Weiners, D. Jorgensen, K. Cohen, B. Walsh, V. Danyow, C. Patterson, K. Smith, E. Lee, M. Choi, L. Hill, T. Cressotti, K. Consolini, S. Morse, J. Santa, C. Schneider, J. Bonifiglio, T. Croteau, S. Vasicek, J. Sauter
- **7:00 Meeting begins**
- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
 - March of the Penguins fundraiser was a huge success, raising \$8920.45 to date. School council is debating a Yankee Candle fundraiser, PTO doesn't support this fundraiser at this time. Reason being Phelps families were told there would be no additional catalog fundraisers if the March of the Penguins was successful.
 - September meeting minutes were voted on and approved by the executive board.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** K. Rosati not able to attend tonight.
 - There is a \$13,000.00 bank balance.
- **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** Mrs. Urbinati not able to attend tonight.
- **TEACHERS REPORT** Ms. Sauter suggested that the reward for the March of the Penguins be based on percentage of the classroom participation vs. dollar amt. raised. Suggestion will be considered for next year.
- **FLL** K. Smith gave an overview of the Lego League thus far. The Lego League is considered a "Fall Sport" therefore info for the upcoming year will be advertised in the PP in the late Spring/early Summer. Registration for Junior lego league is free, the group consists of 6-9 Yr. olds. You can also google FIRST to look up information. This years competition theme is "Food Factor", from the ground to your dinner table. Children will compete on 12/10/11 at the Agawam Junior High School. They will compete in six different rounds, the schedule is not available yet.
- **SCHOOL PICTURES** A different company, Grin and Bear it has offered to do Phelps school pictures. We currently use Lifetouch. Mrs. Urbinati will decide which company is used.
- **VENDOR NIGHT** Will be on Dec. 8th, 2011 in conjunction with conferences. Gift Cards purchased through future fundraiser will be available for pick up the same night. The shopping will begin earlier to accommodate the teachers.
- **GYM FLOOR UPDATE** under the first layer of floor removed was tar. Moisture was found and tested positive for mold. Floor must be retested in 90 days, gym floor should be installed over the Holiday vacation week. Gym is approved to use for PE class and functions in the mean time.

- Fire alarms must be installed and re-inspected in the Gym. Mrs. Urbinati is handling this matter.
- A lock down drill will be happening soon at Phelps.
- **MONTH OF GIVING** The food drive will be held the last week of the month of giving. Phelps school is going to be donating instant mashed potatoes and gravy. B. Walsh will contact Agawam Jr. Womens Club to drop off donations. Volunteers solicited for local charity "Feline Friends", no volunteers. K. Rosati agreed to do that week if no one volunteered.
- **BAKE SALE** C. Schneider needs volunteers for running the PTO bake sale/raffle table on Nov. 8th, election day. Information will come home via PP.
- **SCHOOL BANKING** Eddie Lee will be chairing the Phelps school banking. He passed out a description packet to those in attendance. Bank flyer will be sent home to fourth graders only. In December K-3 will begin banking. Info will go home in the PP. He will try to get a banner/ poster for display on vendor night 12/8/11.
- **USED BOOK SALE** B. Walsh still needs volunteers for setup on the Fri. night prior, 10/21/11. She also request box covers to stand books up in as well as bags with handles. Rain date will be 10/23/11. Ms. Sauter will inform teachers who wish to donate books, to leave them on the stage in gym.
- **MAGICAL NIGHT OF GIVING** T. Croteau said there are still tickets available for purchase.
- **READ A THON** V. Danyow will chair the read a thon again this year. She hopes to start it earlier than previous years. The site for read a thon start up will not be open until 10/17/11
- **8:00 MEETING ADJOURNED**