

## Minutes from PTO meeting 10/21/09

**Attendees:** Sally Skinner, Beth Sanders, Laurie Nowierski, Amy Hope Bonar, Vlasta Sparling, Kathy Carlson, Nancy Werdel, Beth Orlor, Martha Hays, Kristin Hoff Sinclair

### Principal's Report:

- H1N1 – Questions regarding immunization are directed to the district website.
- Newsletter via email –going well with no complaints and a lot less paper!
- Conferences- Wednesday/Thursday Night and Thursday day; No Friday
- Bookfair – week of 11/2
- Painting – The district is painting under the eaves and panels around bottom of building
- Rachel's Challenge – chain is growing with random acts of kindness. This are announced over the p.a. to continue to raise awareness among students. Also showing the video in the gym during cold mornings before school starts to reinforce and give kids something positive to do while waiting for bell.

### Staff Report:

- LOVE the document camera's purchased by the PTO. Thank you!....Lot's more potential uses.
- Kindness and compassion seems to be sinking in with the kids
- Grouping of 3-6 graders for math and reading is working well
- Art is going well and students seem very engaged with new curriculum.

### Treasurer's Report

- All areas of budget are within expected income/expense to date.
- Fall Fundraiser = \$2700 to date. Allocations will be made across all classrooms this fall. Will be reinforced again in the newsletter.

### Old Business

- Purple Cow Bulletin Board
- Sprinkler system – committee working with district to options to replace system

### New Business

- Idaho Lottery Scratch for Schools on 10/14 raised \$167 for Highlands. In process of deciding how to use these funds.
- Brainstorming ideas for use of Art Auction Proceeds for 2010-11
  - ✓ Arts focus – i.e. TRICA
  - ✓ MOSS
  - ✓ Science Kits
  - ✓ Walking/running path (1/4 mile around grounds)
  - ✓ Sprinkler system
  - ✓ More technology i.e. Document cameras for kindergarten.
- Running Club – there is interest starting the running club again. Main requirement is consistent volunteers. Will ask for volunteers via newsletter and look at potential start in Nov. or Dec.

**Meeting adjourned.**