

Notes from the 10/15 Shaker Lane Principals Meeting:

In attendance: Rich Faherty, Katie and Audrey Bonner and Lee-Ellen Sturtz

It was decided that the \$500 donation made to the Principals Fund would go to the Technology Fund again this year. As far as spending the Technology Fund, Rich asked Mike to have some spending suggestions by Monday.

Katie has left several voice mails for the owner of Jet Stream Car Wash regarding our fund raiser last year. We have not received any checks from them to date and have not gotten any response from them regarding the fundraiser. It does not look like we will be participating in another similar fundraiser this year if we can't get a response from them.

Sales and profit from the Bookfair this year were about the same as last year, even taking into consideration the economy and the fact that we have 25 students less than last year. 352 books were put into the school's classrooms and library. Sales were about \$12,000 and profits were about \$3,000. Bookfair next year will be scheduled for October 5th, which is the first Tuesday of the month. We will receive extra bonuses for scheduling it now.

The art has been completed for Square One Art and Monique has shipped everything out to the company. The next step is that we will be receiving the magnets to distribute with order forms.

Teacher Wish List – Kim is working on the wish list and is going to be sending room parents copies of their teacher's wish lists. She is also going to work with Katie on getting the Wish List listed on the PTA website along with an email address that people can contact when they've made a purchase from the list so that we can keep it up to date at all times. We will post announcements in the newsletter to let parents know that it is available electronically, which we believe will lead to more usage of the wish list, as it is difficult for people to come in and look at the book in the lobby.

Volunteer Coordinating – Monique is handling this, working both ad-hoc and with Lots-of-Helping-Hands.

Shaker Lane Email Distribution List – We have the forms in and just need to have them input into a database for distribution. We have volunteers to do the inputting, just need to figure out what database to use. Lee-Ellen will call Daedra Jones to see what database they used at Russell Street.

Littletowne/Westford Toy Shopping – The Littletowne Toys shopping day is November 5th and Westford Toys is November 10th. We will advertise for each one the Friday before by sending home notices in backpacks.

Winterfest – We are short Coordinators for Winterfest. We need coordinators for: Baskets, Cake Walk, Games and Volunteers. Rich will put a notice in the newsletters starting this week asking for volunteers to fill these slots.

Preschool Playground – Denise Smith is going to come address the PTA at our next meeting and is going to talk about spearheading a new fund raiser to raise money for a new playground in the upper area outside the nursery/kindergarten wing. There will be safety/handicapped access issues that will have to be dealt with before she can move forward, and this project is too big/expensive for the PTA so she will have to work with the town and school board to get this moving forward.

Parent Survey – It was questioned whether or not we should do another parent survey this year, and decided that we could wait until next year. We're finding that the surveys are coming back pretty much identical year after year, so it makes more sense to do them every other year.

Our next Principals Meeting is November 3rd
The next PTA Meeting is November 19th