

PCPA General Meeting  
November 18, 2009

Present: Lorelee Schaedel, Janelle Deschino, Karen Hare, Jane Bozek, Tom Eismeier, Shari Robinson, Jennifer Scarpitti-Nelson, Kim Shur, Jillian Lengyel, Linda Burke, Ashley Wernher-Collins, Sarah Gagne, Megan McConagha, Ang Foley, Biz Brewer, Heather Lee, Eileen Hetrick, Amy Stanley, Josephine Yim.

Lorelee Schaedel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.. Mr. Eismeier and Shari Robinson were both invited to speak.

### **1. Principal's Report:**

- Shari Robinson spoke first and commented on the recent grants Pond Cove has received. The new 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade math program that was funded by a mini-grant last month is moving right along. Erin Salvador and Deb Swinbourne will be teaching in the math center Monday thru Thursday from 11:30 to 3:00 each day. They are both busy working with Shari and Mrs. Butterworth setting up the program.
- Jennifer Jacobson, "Making Fiction Real" author & educator returned to Pond Cove to consult with teachers. Ms. Jacobson discussed the how teachers can extend our writing curriculum from personal narrative to fiction writing. Ms. Jacobson will return to Pond Cove in January to work in the classroom while our teachers observe.
- Susan Clark, a University of Chicago "Everyday Math" program representative will visit Cape Elizabeth on December 9<sup>th</sup> (early release K-8) & 10<sup>th</sup> to address staff members. Ms. Clark will review the philosophy and sequence of the program. An informational meeting for parents to ask question will also be held.
- Tom Eismeier gave a brief update from the Climate Committee. Kate Eckdahl has volunteered to be a representative for the Climate Committee. The Pond Cove staff is very excited and grateful for the boost the PCPA has given, especially the technology! The Wellness Committee would like to branch out from health & wellness to character building. This would include expanding the school song.
- Dick Romeo from the Phoenix Foundation in Portland has wrapped up his mediation training with the 4<sup>th</sup> grade student volunteers. The program was changed slightly this year to only include 4<sup>th</sup> graders and to start earlier in the year. Our new mediators have most of the year to help their fellow students problem solve.

### **2. Program Updates**

- Eco-bags are in and have been delivered. There are a few bags still on back-order, but are expected in soon. The 1<sup>st</sup> time fundraiser was a big success! The response was overwhelming and the process could have run more smoothly. Ideas for the next time the bags are sold were discussed. Better communications and pick up information will be fine tuned in the process.

### **3. Scholastic Book Fair - Karen Hare**

- Scholastic Books has changed their rewards program this year. In years past, Pond Cove received 30% of sales from the book fair. This year, Pond Cove only received 25%. The major change was the way Scholastic “paid out” that 25%. Pond Cove could have accepted their reward in cash, which was \$4,200, or taken the reward in “Scholastic dollars”. Those dollars could be redeemed for items out of their new catalog. Some of the items included smart boards, books and furniture. Pond Cove decided to take the Scholastic dollars which amounted to \$10,000! Library books, a smart board with accessories and books for the Health teacher were purchased.

### **4. Movie Night**

- Our first movie night was a successful “friend raiser”. Almost 75 children and 100 adults attended the show which was geared for our younger students.

### **Lecture Series**

- The topic of Divorce was discussed at the first meeting of Cindy Perkins’ Lecture Series. Peg Libby from Kids First Center in Portland led the discussion. Cindy Perkins is open to new topics and ideas for the series. Some ideas up for discussion include internet safety and bullying. Suggestions can be e-mailed directly to Cindy Perkins.

### **Mini Grants - Jillian Lengyel**

1. The kindergarten team has requested a mini grant for \$288 to purchase a new incubator. Each spring, baby chicks are hatched in an incubator on loan to the kindergarten team. Further information is needed before a vote via e-mail is taken.
2. Julie Nickerson (1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher) has submitted a mini grant request for \$186.85 to purchase 10 seat cushions. The cushions are recommended by OT for students who have a hard time focusing in class. The cushion would be shared with all the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$186.85, all approved.

3. Ann Valente (3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher) has submitted a mini grant request for \$988.82 to purchase a smart board projector. The smart board was purchased with “Scholastic dollars”, but a projector was not available to purchase through Scholastic. The monies will be taken out of the technology grant fund.

When asked to vote on the mini grant request for \$988.82, all approved.

## **New Business - Loralee Schaedel**

- A new FAQ page about Pond Cove is under development on the PCPA website. Any and all questions are welcome. They can be sent to the PCPA via their website.
- A Pond Coe newcomer packet is being discussed. The packet will include a school directory and student note pads as well as valuable school information.
- The PCPA has several position openings next year due to graduating parents. Openings include Co-president (2 years), Treasurer, Secretary and two positions on the Mini Grant committee. Anyone interested in any of the above positions can e-mail Loralee Schaedel or Janelle Deschino.
- The Middle School Holiday fair is tonight from 4-8 p.m..
- The Nonesuch Book Fair at the Mill Creek Shopping Center will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30-8:30. The PCPA will receive 20% of the proceeds from purchases. Shoppers will receive discounts and gift wrapping will be available. The Middle School raised \$700 at a similar event this past May.
- PCPA minutes will be posted on the website for review. The minutes will be voted on for approval at the next meeting.
- Mini grant applications under consideration by the PCPA will be posted on the PCPA website for review. Those grants will be voted on at the next upcoming meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m..