**P.T.O Meeting Minutes**

**February 3, 2016**

1. Guest Speakers – Dr. Marguerite Rizzi, Superintendent of Schools and Anita Hill School Committee Member
* Dr. Rizzi reviewed the status of the proposed new Stoughton High School.
* Dr. Rizzi encouraged parents to get involved to help spread the word about the high school. A proposal will go to Town Meeting and then it will be put out to a special election.
* Anita Hill, introduced herself, and added to the high school discussion and the spring school committee election (Mrs. Hill is running for one of the open school committee seats).

1. V.P. Report – Candace Shockley
* January Meeting minutes reviewed & approved by Liz Worsley and seconded my Melanie Covino.
* Still looking for new Board Members – to be voted for in May.
* Cards for a cause is over – sold approximately 30 boxes.
* “Dining for Dollars” this moth will be “jumping for dollars” – Friday February 12th from 4-8pm at Launch in Norwood. No Need to bring flyer, just mention when registering. Can still purchase tickets online ahead of time.
1. Margot Mitchell/Tracee Campo – Treasurer Report
* Nothing new to report – P&L was distributed.
1. Membership Update – Kelly Gillis
* No new memberships
* On March 2nd Mark Binder will be in for Reading Across America – it’s an open assembly. Another Cultural Event will be held on May 2nd.
1. Fundraising Committee – Liz Worsley & Andrea Farley
* Mixed Bag Designs will be the Spring Fundraiser – if we do all the math/work we get 50% profits versus 45% if we leave the work to them. There are teacher incentives – sell “x” amount & earn a raffle ticket to win one of the samples we receive from the company. Children can also earn prizes like they did in Charleston Wrap.
* There will be an insert within the Mixed Bag Design catalog for Custom Candles. $20 custom candle with any date you want on it (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or a $15 custom candle showing South School Sharks. We make 40% profit on this fundraiser.
* The flyers should be going out March 1st & the items will be available for pick up approximately two weeks before Mother’s Day.
1. Secretary Report – Mara Hochberg
* Nothing new to report.
1. School Reports – Mrs. Mulvey & Ms. Flaherty
* There are some teachers participating in a scholarship fundraiser (volleyball tournament) on March 18th. There is a $100 registration fee – the teachers asked if we could pay the fee for them.
* Melanie Covino motioned to pay fee & Julie Giroux seconded – all in favor; decided.
1. Events Committee
* Changed dance theme from Winter Wonderland to Luau Theme. Trisha Lewis is in charge of dance, will be held in March.
1. Other Business
* Overwhelming response from School Sprit day, teachers & students wore there Sprit Wear clothes & were asked where others could purchase these items. It was suggested we hold another fundraiser to sell more items. Possibly at the next PTO event or maybe starting a facebook page.
* Julie Giroux – concerned with the lack of items available at the end of the week for the Holiday Store. Was hoping more items could/would be available next year for the older students.
* Julie Giroux – suggested the crosswalk from the side parking lot to the sidewalk be re-stripped.
* Melanie Covino – suggested a refresher go out to parents about drop off in the morning. Where they can park, where not to let kids out, etc.

Next meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 7-8.