

PRIDE/PTSA General Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2012

Meeting called to order @ 8:30 AM

Introduction of co-presidents Jill Taylor, Jeff Hirschberg and Bonnie Rejaei by co-president Polly Bamberger.

Administration Report

Principal Fern Somoza welcomed everyone to the new school year and commented on how well the Early Registration process worked out, despite a few kinks that will be adjusted for next year. Principal Somoza discussed the importance of attendance and asked the parents to schedule vacations only during holidays. We lose approx. \$35/student/day in funding due to absences. In prior years Revere lost \$700,000+ due to absences, and it was brought down to \$445,450 last year; it's an improvement, but is still too high.

The parents were asked to be patient and to follow the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up rules, as the traffic has been terrible in the morning. Palisades Patrol was called in to help, and a letter is being written to the City to request a "Right Turn Only" lane on Sunset at Allenford. Principal Somoza took questions from the parents in attendance.

PRIDE

Introduction of remaining Board Members by Jill Taylor.

Fundraising

Meryl Holland, Fundraising Chair, discussed the importance of the Annual Giving campaign. Meryl asked for 100% participation from families; suggested donation is \$750/family, but any amount is greatly appreciated.

Scrip was on sale at the meeting. Recommendation made to parents to purchase Scrip for teacher gifts throughout the year. Everyone was reminded to re-enroll your Ralph's card after Sept. 1st, and to check the bottom of your sales receipts to confirm Revere is receiving a percentage of your shopping.

Magazine and Gift Wrap Drive being run by Mr. Shibata was sent home; all sales can be turned in on the following Wednesdays until Sept. 12th.

Julianne Kravitz, Auction Chair, informed parents of the 2nd largest fundraiser which is the Silent Auction and Parent Party to be held tentatively on March 16th, 2013. First committee meeting will be held at Julianne's home on Sept. 11th at 8:30 am, anyone wanting to get involved is welcome. Out of approx. 4,000 parents, only 150 attend each year and we need to raise that number; this year's goal is \$100,000.

New electronics recycling program headed by Karen Lindeman; bring in your old cell phones, iPads, etc. to help raise money for Revere; a collection box is located in the Main Office.

Beth Horowitz, Outreach Chair, asked that all 6th grade parents in attendance meet with her after the General Meeting, to discuss grade specific items. Currently working on 6th grade room parents for all homeroom classes.

Parent Education Seminars with Richard Cohen will continue to be held each month; flyer was available with details.

Cindy Holdorff, PRIDE Treasurer presented the 2012/2013 budget.

Teresa Williams, Communications Chair, introduced Christi Catalano who is in charge of sending out all Revere Eblasts. If you haven't already signed up, please do so online through the Revere website. All school related information will be sent out via Eblast, it is important that you not only sign up, but also read them when they are received.

Charter Council Elections are coming up; ballot requests are due tomorrow (8/30/12) and voting will take place on Back to School Night in each homeroom.

PTA

Staci Mitchell, Treasurer, discussed how fortunate we are to have PRIDE and PTSA working so closely together and meeting the needs of the school. Membership drive is currently underway and the cost is \$25/family.

2012/2013 budget was presented and made available.

Book Fair being held on Sept. 4th through 12th in Town Hall. Please stop by at Back to School Night and purchase books for your children and their teachers (teacher requests will be posted).

TB Testing and volunteer applications are not needed if they were done last year. All new parent volunteers must fill out a form available on the Revere website and TB testing will be available at school on a date to be determined.