

# PTO Minutes

**September 18, 2014**

**Welcome (Jacqui Driscoll)**

**Principal Remarks (Mrs. DiBiase):**

- Mrs. DiBiase reported a "great start to the school year". She has had the opportunity to connect with all new families and is hoping to see them at the "Newcomers Potluck". Assessment Meetings have begun at all grade levels. Teachers and staff are looking forward to implementing proper support and interventions as needed. S.S.S. is well staffed to meet the needs of all learners.

**Treasurer's Report (Matt Wertz):**

- Welcome on board Mr. Matt Wertz!
- Matt will have more details at the November meeting regarding budgetary issues.

**Teachers Report (Ms. Welsh):**

- Ms. Welsh expressed a hearty thank you on behalf of all teachers regarding the support shown to them at the beginning of the school year. The generous gifts to start up classrooms and wonderful kick-off luncheon were greatly appreciated.
- Ms. Welsh also shared her gratitude for the PTO's support of her travel to China.

**Pumpkin Fair (Jen Goguen and Andrea Curley):**

- The NEW date is 10/5/14. Be sure to save it! A flyer came home via backpack with all of the necessary details.
- The PTO will need about 20 volunteers an hour to run this ever popular event.
- It is our largest "fun event" not a fundraiser.

**Race for Education (Aimee Radulski and Katherine Cardinal):**

- This year is a transition year, as we move toward electronic communication.
- The PTO is looking for several volunteers to help out in a variety of ways.

**METCO (Diane Courtney):**

- We currently have 10 students at S.S.S.
- All students are matched.
- Diane is looking to form a task committee to come up with creative ideas to make all students feel included.

**Spirit Wear (Jacqui Driscoll):**

- Looking for someone to take this over. We currently have a great vendor and this is used primarily to promote school spirit.

**Enrichment (Stacy Dahlstedt & Grade Level Coordinators)**

**(Michelle Vaccaro-K, Stacy Dahlstedt-1, Nada Jovanovic-2, Jill Danese-3, Sheri von Jako-4)**

- "Jump Rope Guy" was the first program of the school year. He was widely popular with students and teachers. He sent a positive message to the children and performed for the whole school.
- "Green City Growers" will present to the entire school, but third grade will have hands on work with them.

**Newcomers Potluck (Natasha Anderson):**

- Natasha is heading up this fun family event set for 9/29 from 5:30-7 PM. Hope to see you there!

**Closing (Jacqui Driscoll)**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.**