

Schofield PTO

Meeting Agenda

Friday, May 7th
Schofield Library

Opening Remarks

Laura Foody

Laura Foody opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Principal's Report

David Wilkins

David Wilkins provided an update on classroom configurations, the number of classrooms at each grade level, for the 2010-2011 school year. Wellesley Public School guidelines are 18-22 students in each classroom for Kindergarten and 1st grade and 22-24 students per classroom in Grades 2 -5. At this time, there are many grade levels where the numbers are too close to make a determination. It is most likely that there will be one less classroom next year at Schofield. Given there is not yet a definitive number of classrooms per grade level, teacher assignments have not yet been determined.

There is a teacher/staff appreciation wall located on the brick wall outside the parking lot entrance to the gym. David would like to consider moving the brass plaques to a more prominent location near the school's front entrance. A plan for relocation was not defined at this meeting.

President's Report

Laura Foody

Laura Foody reported on donations given to Schofield last year specifically to purchase technology for classrooms. Some funds remain. The PTO is working with David to utilize the remaining funds to purchase ELMOS for all classrooms that do not currently have an ELMO.

An Elmo™ is a document camera that displays paper documents as well as three-dimensional objects through an overhead projection system. In addition, students' work can be displayed and saved "in the moment." All classrooms have overhead projection systems so that they are able to take advantage of the capabilities of an ELMO. Teachers report that the ELMO is a very effective tool for teaching.

There are many open PTO positions for 2010-2011 school year and the positions have varied levels of time commitment and involvement. If you are interested in finding out more about the PTO or the positions, please visit <http://schofieldpto.org/committees.aspx> or contact Laura Foody or Lana Bornstein.

2010-11 Volunteer Opportunities

Secretary
Schofield Connection Editor
School Directory/Handbook
Family Information Packet
Courtyard/grounds
Road Race
Shopper's Corner
Playground Representative
Recess Fitness Club
Social Committee

Committee 21 Representative
Publicity
POPS Representative
Room Parents

Committee Reports

Road Race

Kathleen Baum

Schofield's annual road race and fun fair, one of the largest fundraisers for the PTO, is Sunday, June 6th from 10:30-1:30pm. There will be an online scheduler for volunteer sign up to help during Race Day at games and other activities.

There will be a Silent Auction again this year and the committee welcomes donations of all values. Some suggestions are: tickets to sporting events, jewelry, vacation homes and other new items, gift certificates and services. Be sure to bring your checkbook.

The Temple will have only a few available parking spots; parking will be available at 70 Walnut Street.

Town Parade

Lana Bornstein

The annual town parade is Sunday, May 23, the route is 2 miles and students will need to be accompanied by an adult to participate. Schofield will take the opportunity to promote the up coming Road Race; the message will be "Catch us if you can". Students will wear race numbers, ride bikes and scooters and pass out candy. The meeting location is on Woodlawn Ave.

Shopper's Corner

Bethany Harrington

Shopper's Corner is also one of the largest PTO fundraisers providing approximately \$10,000 annually for PTO sponsored activities and programs. Currently, Shopper's Corner has lots of spring and summer merchandise. The semi-annual half price sale is Wednesday, June 2nd, Saturday June 5th and the Bag Sale is Wednesday, June 9.

Shopper's Corner is seeking volunteers, 4 of the committee members will be moving on in 2011.

Recess Fitness Club

Laura Foody

Recess Fitness Club is a parent volunteer run program. Children are able to run or walk around the field during recess and parents track their progress. This year the program ran on Tuesdays and Fridays. Volunteers are needed for the 2010-2011 school year from 9:50 to 10:35 a.m. An additional chair is also needed for next year's school year.

If you are interested in being a Room Parent for the 2010-2011 school year, please contact Rosemary Matejka or Lois Callahan.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Worrall
PTO, Secretary

Important Dates

June 11 – Friday afternoon Field Day

June 16 - Full day of school

June 17 - School closes. Half day, Closing Assembly around 10 a.m.