

**West Vine Street School  
PTO Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 17, 2008**

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**President's Report:**

- The PTO newsletter was released last week to WVSS community.
- Box Tops: The contest runs through 2/15. Melissa is keeping tally and the winning classroom will have an ice-cream party. Mrs. Brown will ask the staff to encourage students and the contest will be added to the morning announcements.
- Family Dining Out: The PTO had an offer from Applebees in Westerly to host a breakfast fundraiser. After much discussion, we declined the offer. Stacey Cassata will send a note of appreciation to the restaurant.
- Mini Grants: **Grade One Teachers** requested for \$228.90 to support a “Parent Literacy Night” for students who need some help with reading. The funds will support the purchase of books for the students. Stonington Education Fund is also supporting this program. **Kindergarten Teachers** requested \$360 to support a visit from the Pequotsepos Nature Center as part of their science curriculum. **Grade One teachers** requested \$250 for transportation costs associated with visiting the Children’s Garden at the Como to support the science curriculum. As part of the experience, they will also visit the Stonington Free Library. They are also requesting approximately \$100 for garden supplies. **These three requests were approved.**
- Field Day: The PTO proposes a trip to Strawberry Park for the day (9:00 – 1:30) for students in first and second grade. Cost is \$8 per child. Tentative date is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Kindergartners will not participate in the field day at Strawberry Park. A Carnival themed Field Day will be held at the school for AM and PM classes. The tentative date is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Basket Raffle: This fundraising event is scheduled for Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Pawcatuck Middle School. Stacey Cassata will lead the WVSS PTO efforts, with assistance from Michelle Joyce. All items are due from classrooms by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Teacher Appreciation Week: Scheduled for May 5-May 9. Each day, the PTO will do something special for our teachers. Caroline Wall, Melissa Lestinsky and Stacey Cassata will coordinate this activity. We will also present teachers with a small token gift.
- AfterSchool Enrichment Program: Jennifer Fyke and Michelle Joyce are working on this project. Michelle Joyce reported that Gabrielle’s Karate in Groton will donate their time for the 5-week program. Jennifer is working on putting together other class offerings. We also discussed and got feedback on what worked in previous years.
- Yearbook: Lori Taylor was not at the meeting, but asked Esther Denis to present her information. The cost from LifeTouch was high, so discussion centered on other options, including using less color, producing it locally, or putting together a CD or DVD with images instead.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary Jennifer Fyke presented the minutes of the December Board meeting. She will put together another newsletter for mid-February.

**Treasurer's Report:** Esther Denis-Vrins presented the Treasurer's Report. See attached.

**Principal's Report:** Mrs. Brown asked to set dates for upcoming programs. Field Day is set for June 5<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, June 3<sup>rd</sup> for Kindergarteners. End of the Year Picnic for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders: Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. The class was invited by First Selectman Ed Haberek to have the picnic at the Town Hall. Need to confirm availability with Mr. Haberek.

Kindergarten Orientation:     May 20<sup>th</sup> for incoming kindergarteners with last names A-L.  
  May 22<sup>nd</sup> for incoming kindergarteners with last names M-Z  
  9:30-10:30 am

**Teacher's Report:** There was not a teacher report.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Crowley Fyke  
Secretary, West Vine Street School PTO