

# STRONG PTO JANUARY MINUTES

January PTO Meeting  
Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2009  
Strong School Library  
7:15pm

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- Monthly Topics:     **Principal's Report**  
                          **Chair's Report**  
                          **Secretary's Report**  
                          **Treasurer's Report**  
                          **Committee Reports**
- Durham Fair Activities
  - Hospitality
  - Strong Clothing
  - Dances/Socials
  - Cultural Arts Program
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities
  - Strong School Reads
- Old Business**  
                          **New Business** – Nancy Boyle BOE liason, guest
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## Special Events:

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- General               **Future Meeting Dates:** 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, and 5/3.  
Information:       All meetings are held in the Strong School Library at 7:15pm, unless  
                          noted otherwise.   Web Sites:
- <http://rsd13ct.org> (Regional District 13)
  - <http://rsd13ct.org/schools/Strong> (Strong School)

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### **Principal's Report – Scott Nicol**

- A new permanent substitute was hired, Ms. Alicia Bordonaro. Ms. Bordonaro is certified as a K-12 Health teacher. She comes highly recommended from Brewster/Korn where she held the position as a special education paraprofessional. She has taken the initiative to organize a Health Club open to all students. This will co-ordinate nicely with activities planned for Excellence in Health Month in March.
- Mrs. Becka Sinusas was hired as the guidance counselor at Strong. She recently completed her internship at CRHS. She is looking forward to collaborating with both students and teachers to promote positive relationships within the classroom.

### **Chair's Report – Denise Brennan**

- Will contact Kelly Schock regarding the committee to make improvements to the fair booth.

### **Secretary's Report – Stacey Durand**

- Nothing to report at this time.

### **Treasurer's Report – Tina Levine**

- We are in good financial shape with a balance of \$10,081.50. We need to earmark money for capital improvements to the fair booth. Tina is willing to assist on the fair booth committee.

### **Committee Reports**

#### ***Durham Fair Sweets Booth – Kelly Shock***

- Nothing to report at this time.

#### ***Hospitality – Deb Segreto***

- Thanks to all who contributed to the teacher luncheon in December. Everything was wonderful!

#### ***Strong Clothing – Pat DeSimone***

- Pat is sending out an order form for Strong sweatshirts only...there was a request and a minimum order is required.

#### ***Socials – Denise Brennan and Stacey Durand***

- The next school social is Friday January 29. Stacey will be e-mailing volunteers this week.

#### ***Cultural Arts Program – Wendy Ortega***

- Nothing to report at this time.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Party – Melinda Granger**

- Melinda is working on securing a place to hold the party.

### **Strong School Reads – Shari Foley/ Mike Klimas**

- Strong School Reads is coming soon...February 3<sup>rd</sup>! This year's book is *The Other Side of Truth*. Facilitators are needed and PTO brainstormed ideas to get children motivated to increase participation.

### **New Business**

- Nancy Boyle introduced herself as the Strong School and CRHS BOE liaison. The purpose of her attendance was to promote a positive, accessible bridge between the public, specifically parents of D13, and the BOE.
- The BOE would like parents to know that the budget season begins in January and they need to hear from you now, as well as just before the referendum.
- Do you have creative solutions, questions, comments, or suggestions? Call, e-mail, or come to a meeting...board members want to hear from you.
- **Wednesday January 27 at CRHS there is an open forum for public comment. Please come!**

The next meeting will be February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:15pm in the School Library.

Minutes submitted by Denise Brennan  
January 25<sup>th</sup> 2010