

STRONG PTO OCTOBER MINUTES

October PTO Meeting
Monday, October 5th 2009
Strong School Library
7:15pm

- Monthly Topics:
- Principal's Report
 - Chair's Report
 - Secretary's Report
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Committee Reports
 - Durham Fair Activities
 - Hospitality
 - Dances/Socials
 - Cultural Arts Program
 - 8th Grade Activities
 - Strong School Reads
 - Old Business
 - New Business

Special Events:

- General Meeting Dates: 11/2, 12/7, 1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, and 5/3. 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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Eighth Grade Party	Melinda Granger	347-5061	
Eighth Grade Messages	TBD		
Strong School Reads	Shari Foley	349-1355	sfoley@womenshealthusa.com

Principal's Report – Scott Nicol

- Looking for the PTO to sponsor a science club that meets once a month at the school. The club would meet for about an hour and a half and would be run by Pat McCann, a parent of one of our students. Denise Brennan makes a motion to start up the club and Deb Segreto seconds, all approve. Mr. Nicol to coordinate the start up on our behalf.

Chair's Report – Denise Brennan

- Thank you to Kelly Shock and Teresa Opalacz for an outstanding job of coordinating another successful Durham Fair.
- Strong Social coming up on October 23rd at 7pm.
- BOE contacted us looking for a liaison to sit in on meetings and work with the BOE to get an understanding of the needs at our school. Teresa Opalacz volunteered. Mr. Nicol expressed a need for IT personnel in the school.
- The Uganda Children's Choir was very well received at school.
- Melinda Granger will head up the 8th Grade Party Position. Right now that still leaves the 8th Grade Messages as an open position.

Secretary's Report – Stacey Durand

- Nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report – Tina Levine

- No report at this time. Waiting on final Durham Fair results.

Committee Reports

Durham Fair Sweets Booth – Kelly Shock

- Finalizing the final numbers, still need to pay a few bills.
- We have a group of 5 people who were interested in joining a committee to build a permanent booth on the fair grounds. Maureen Morris will be heading the committee.
- This year we bought a toaster oven to heat the pretzels and are looking to store it at the school.

Hospitality – Deb Segreto

- A list of volunteers was gathered at the Open House. The first hospitality event will be the Holiday Lunch for teachers and staff. Volunteers will be contacted once the date nears.

Socials – Denise Brennan and Stacey Durand

- The first Social will be October 23rd from 7pm-9pm.
- Tickets were given to Mr. Nicol to print for the Student Council to sell.
- Cost to get in is \$5 a student.
- Parents volunteered to supervise at the Open House and will be contacted.

Cultural Arts Program – Wendy Ortega

- The State of Connecticut was not accepting any grant applications due to budget problems. We will be holding our applications and re-submitting when it opens again.

8th Grade Party – Melinda Granger

- Melinda will be contacting the New England Athletic Club to make arrangements for the end of the year event.

Strong School Reads – Shari Foley/ Mike Klimas

- Mike is looking to move the event up in the school year to the January/February time frame.
- We are still looking for a book. Mike will be reading a few books and if we don't find a fit for our program then we will pick one that was done a few years ago.

Old Business

- No discussion this month.

New Business

- Last month Mike Klimas attended the meeting and asked that a hard wired wireless audio system be considered for the gymnasium. The installer came back out to the school and to start with two wireless microphones would be \$1068. We would have the ability to upgrade to four eventually.

Denise Brennan made a motion to close the meeting at 8:00pm.

The next meeting will be November 2nd at 7:15pm in the School Library.

Minutes submitted by Stacey Durand

October 14th 2009