

Parent Teacher Organization
Salem School

PTO Minutes
February 23, 2010
Salem School Library
200 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06420

1. Meeting called to order by Tammy Petersen 7:00 pm
2. Officers' Reports
 - a. Secretary's Report from January approved by Denise 2nd by Tammy
 - b. Treasurer's Report from January approved by Kelly 2nd by Tammy
Denise reported that it is required by the state that we open a separate checking account for the Cow Chip Raffle which we are in the process of doing.
 - c. Liaison Report- There was one request that needed approval by admin. Teachers need forms.
3. New Business/Updates/Upcoming Events
 - a. Bubblemania will be scheduled for the end of March for the kids. Mrs. Richie will schedule it.
 - b. Dr. Suess Day will be celebrated on March 19th with Green Eggs and Ham for lunch and other activities during the day.
 - c. Mrs. Richie gave a presentation on school wide assessments and what they are used for. She has handouts available through her. Dan Kung announced that Admin. will be doing a series of presentations at the BOE meeting on Differentiated Instruction starting in March.
 - d. Cow Chip Raffle paperwork was resubmitted once it is approved by the state we can print tickets. We need someone to grid the field and if anyone has a lead on snow fencing contact Tammy. Mom's Club will be having a yard sale on the same day and 8th grade will be doing face painting.
 - e. Ice Skating will be March 6th from 4-6 at the Norwich Ice Rink free admission \$3 skate rental.
 - f. Officer nominations will be in April.
 - g. Adult Social Athena came with a couple of proposals for a casual event options were Gardner Lake Fire House, Devil's Hop Yard, and Polish Club. Seema had looked into the Norwich Inn and Spa for a more formal evening. A vote was taken and most wanted a more casual event. So Athena is looking into the Polish Club.
 - h. Spring Book Fair will be May 10-14 more info soon.
 - i. A Sense of Community-Some 4th graders are interested in a recycling club and other clubs like that. There will be more info in Mrs. Richie's March newsletter.
 - j. Change for Change-Once a month starting March 26th there will be a themed day and change ie coins will be brought in for a charity. To have the kids give back to the community.
 - k. Note to the school form- Sue Weber has been working on it but it is on hold until the new admin is in place.
 - l. Box Tops are due March 1st 2010.

- m. Afterschool Clubs Mrs. Richie would like to start afterschool club for a small fee for the kids the topics would vary. The big question came up about insurance and certified staff. The matter will be looked into.
- n. 8th grade committee is a pasta dinner March 26th at Gardner Lake Firehouse. There were concerns brought up about the carry over balance of the 8th grade committee and how it should be spent. One suggestion was to give a donation to the Gardner Lake Firehouse for the use of the building for dances and pasta dinners. A question was brought up if we as a 501C could even give a donation. The matter will be looked into and brought up at the budget discussion. Another concern was homeschooled students at the dance they were not allowed last year but were this year. The issue was brought up about liability and insurance also having no medication info on file for these students. Does this also open up other students that attend other school wanting to attend? We need to make a policy because the 8th grade committee changes every year.
- o. Officer Elections
April nominations May elections

5. Next Meeting March 15, 2010 7pm

6. Adjournment 9:18pm