



### **Over-the-Fence: January 2009**

There were two PTO meetings to report on for January. The first was held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Fundraising survey results were discussed:

1. SOS will continue as our primary fundraiser and due to survey results the process and confidentiality will stay as it has been.
2. Overwhelming support came in to continue no cost fundraisers as a secondary means including grocery certificates, community dinners, etc.
3. Jog-a-thon will also continue; however, we will follow our SOS guidelines for not singling out individuals for raising the most money or having the most number of contributors but will instead reward them for their efforts in the Jog-A-Thon.

For more information, survey results and the executive summary, please visit the Polaris website and follow the link for the "Polaris PTO".

Kirsten Kahn, SOS Coordinator, has proposed a process in which any new fundraising ideas will be reviewed. A rubric will be used to decide whether the new idea falls within the guidelines set forth by our community, as shown in the survey results.

Food will be served at For Love of the Arts on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> as requested by Coach D. Coach D would also like artists at For Love of the Arts to be able to sell their items and donate a portion of their proceeds to the school. This was agreed upon with the stipulation that prices will not be displayed overtly (kids won't see price tags all evening), but can be discreetly discussed among parents.

The second meeting was held on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

There were discussions about building community in our school. Gail Axt encouraged us to look for opportunities to do that. A Community Building Team will be headed by Cheryl Fleetwood dovetailing with the room parents.

- The Green Committee is working on landscaping ideas.
- The Safety Committee is working on a few ideas including a latch on the front gate to dissuade non-school people to enter our grounds so easily.
- Kirsten Kahn presented the rubric and form for the above mentioned Fundraising process.
- Sherry Beardshear reported on electives and is working with various committees to bring new electives on Fridays.
- New positions are being sought for PTO next year. If you are interested please contact Sue Borgos.

Budgets will be discussed at the February meeting. Anyone wishing to propose expenditures for next year should be ready to present them as we are trying to centralize the timing and process for planning purposes.

Our next PTO meeting will be Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. After that, remaining meeting dates are: 3/30 and 4/27. Everyone is welcome, see you there!

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