Martha Jones PTO Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, October 4, 2011
7:00 PM

I. Welcome – Suzanne Becker
II. Guest Speaker – Mrs. Celeste Mahoney, R.N., MJ School Nurse
III. Guest Speaker – Ms. Kristal Corbin, School Psychologist and Guidance Counselor
IV. Principal's Update – Peggy Scott
V. Approval of May 2011 Minutes
VI. School Committee Report – Brian Kelly
VII. Treasurer's Report – Frank Vitiello
VIII. Committee Updates
    a. Birthday Books – Viviana Champagne
    b. Directory – Kara Johnsen
    c. Innisbrook Gift Wrap – Carlotta DiPietro
    d. Mini-Courses – Stacie Reiser
    e. Art Matters – Jennifer Kinnear
    f. Holiday Marketplace – Suzanne Becker
    g. Kids Care – Marcia Stankard
    h. Original Works – Sylva Yeghiayan
    i. Halloween Party – Lisa Yebba/Jill Robertson
    j. WESC – Leigh Wasserman
IX. Other Business

Minutes of PTO Meeting
October 4, 2011 7pm

- Welcome – Sue Becker
- School Committee Report – Brian Kelly
    - Brian introduced himself and gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of the School Committee.
    - Highlights from the 1st School Committee meeting include a discussion of the MCAS results; overall the results were good; one area being addressed is Middle School math. There was a technology presentation; this year Google Chrome is being piloted in the High School.
- Guest Speaker – Kristal Corbin
    - Kristal provided an overview of her role at Martha Jones as School Psychologist and Guidance Counselor.
    - As part of her role, Kristal works with the Special Education team; she assists with the student evaluation's providing assessments and written reports. In addition, she goes into the classroom for whole class lessons and works one on one with students.
    - Last year she was involved in the development of the anti-bullying rubric and will be working with Mrs. Mahoney this year analyzing frequent visits to the nurses' office.
- Principal's Update – Peggy Scott
    - Peggy welcomed parents and provided a brief overview of her background in education; including her 12 years as principal at Martha Jones and over 20 years of teaching experience.
    - Peggy explained SOTEL (**S**afety, **O**bjectives, **T**eaching, **E**ngagement and **L**earning).
    - Once a month, Peggy will be hosting an informal get together on the first Friday of the month to answer parent's questions.
    - Lunch menus are now available online on the Westwood Public School website.
    - Celeste Mahoney spoke earlier at the Room Parent meeting and Peggy reiterated the wellness policy for those parents who missed the earlier presentation.
- Approval of May 2011 Minutes
- Treasurer's Report – Frank Vitiello
    - The budget is on target. (Funded the Teacher retreat and stipend for classrooms for the beginning of the year.)
    - PTO directories going out to all families who joined the PTO this year.

- Committee Updates
  - *Birthday Books* – Sue Becker – 196 participants to date, similar participation to last year.
  - *Directory* – Kara Johnsen – Directories will be going home the first week of October to all families who joined the PTO this year.
  - *Innisbrook* – Carlotta Depietro – This year sales from the Innisbrook fundraiser were $8,000, similar to last year. Raffle winners this year include the Jud Family, Bower Family, Robertson Family and Bunker Family.
  - *Mini Courses* – Stacie Reiser – Registration for mini courses this year is online; 60 registrations have been processed to date. A parent commented on how easy the online registration was to use.
  - *Art Matters* – Jennifer Kinnear – Art Matters is an art appreciation program. The first training session will be October 27th and parents will be in classrooms during the month of November. Future trainings will be in January and March and classroom instruction will take place in February and April.
  - *Holiday Marketplace* – Sue Becker – The Marketplace will take place on Thursday November 17. Last year this event raised approximately $6,200; 50 vendors have reserved a table for this year.
  - *Kids Care* – Marcia Stankard – Kids Care is an outreach and philanthropy program that does not require a monetary donation. This year, kids care will organize the food pantry collection at the Halloween event, the Costume Drive, which runs through the 26th of October, the Anton Coat Drive and will support initiatives by the student council.
  - *Original Works* – Sylva Yeghiayan – Children's art work will be coming home October 17th and orders are due October 21, 2011.
  - *Halloween Party* – Jill Robertson and Lisa Yebba – The Halloween party (October 28) will be similar to last year. Volunteers are needed and a sign up sheet will be going home in children's backpacks. New committee members are needed for next year; the next meeting is Tuesday October 4th at Mindy Musto's home.
  - *WESC* – Leigh Wasserman – The committee members include Allison Bayer, Audra DiDonato, and Leigh Wasserman. This is the 18th year running for WESC and this year a social event is planned for March 17th at Moseley's; a silent auction and raffle are planned.

- Other Business
  - 501c3 status is still pending.
  - Training for Library volunteers is Thursday, October 6th.