

## **Mohonasen PTO Meeting Minutes October 5, 2011**

1. Called meeting to order @ 6:35pm in Pinewood cafeteria
2. Introduction of Board Members: Co-Presidents- Annette Hilder & Merideth Janke  
Co-Vice Presidents- Kim Maitino & Tamara Barry Bradt Treasurer-Cheryl Tebano  
Pinewood Treasurer- Luann Friello Corresponding Secretary- Margaret Arcate  
Recording Secretary- Sue Costanza
3. Sunshine & Correspondence: Thank you card from Mrs. DeSiena for the Back to School Breakfast and a Thank You card from Mrs. Weinlien for the breakfast
4. Speakers: Jamie Brisnehan from the YMCA talked about the before/after school programs, Kay Masick talked about the play group My Place2Play and Mindy Holland talked about the need for library helpers to help with shelving, checking out/in books
5. Treasurer's Report: Bradt-\$10,500 Pinewood-\$1527.65
6. Budget for 2011-2012 school year was approved. Motion was made by Tracy Simmons and seconded by Theresa DeNofio
7. Standing Committees:
  - Homeroom parents-Luann Friello commented that some of the homeroom parents emergency contact forms are still missing. If you have not turned them in you need to do so ASAP!
  - Membership: Bradt has 354 and Pinewood has 353. Fliers will be sent home again in November for those who still have not signed up
  - Memory book: Girl Scout Troop 2506- 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be in charge of the yearbook this year with Merideth Janke as their advisor. They are doing this as their Silver Award project. We are hoping that next year there will be a 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee to carry on the process. Pictures are needed ASAP. Teachers and parents are asked to upload them right to the website by logging on to [onlineyearbooks.lifetouch.com](http://onlineyearbooks.lifetouch.com) and entering job # 10339912, Username: pictures and Password: pictures. Click on the upload image icon in the lower right hand corner. Questions can be emailed to [merideth220@aol.com](mailto:merideth220@aol.com)
  - Soup Labels/Capri Sun Pouches: a flier will be coming home to remind parents about the programs
  - School Banking: Program is up and running
  - Promotional Products: a flier will be going out in November, great holiday gift ideas!
8. Principals Report:
  - Mrs. DeSiena: Wanted to say thank you to all those who helped out during the first 2 weeks of school. Your help was very much appreciated. Wanted to give a heads up about the reading Extravaganza to be held on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Giffy's BBQ fundraiser for the playground. Reminder that there will be a half day of school on Halloween.
  - Mrs. Whitley: Will be transitioning out for maternity leave. Mrs. Kavanaugh will be taking her spot during her leave. Grade 4 is part of a

pilot program for math assessments; you can find more information on the school website. The annual Spelling Bee will be coming up in December. Late buses will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, any clubs that meet other days will be parent pick ups. Pinewood will be having a Halloween Dance on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> for **PINEWOOD STUDENTS ONLY**. This will be a drop-off event and students will need to sign up in advance.

9. Old Business: Kindergarten Helpers: went well, wish we had more volunteers  
Back to School Night: approximately 500 people attended, had to cancel the hamsterball due to lack of volunteers, next year we will probably do something different as this event is becoming too costly and we are not getting the volunteers needed to help.
10. New Business: Pinewood Picture Day- October 13<sup>th</sup>  
October 28<sup>th</sup>-Pinewood Halloween Dance  
Fall Fest-Nov 5<sup>th</sup>: We need MANY volunteers for this event.  
Please contact Mandy Zuend if you are available from 11-1 or 1-3 (630-0086) Anyone interested in baking or buying a cake for the Cake Walk can drop off cakes either Fri night between 5 and 7 or Sat from 9-12.  
January 14, 2012- Albany Devils Hockey Game Family Night, watch for fliers coming soon
11. Privilege of the Floor: Questions were brought up about the playground at Bradt. Playscape will be working with the playground committee to set up posters with pictures of equipment so that the kids can vote on which pieces they would like to see on the new playground. The committee will meet and design the new space. The approximate cost is \$100,000.00. It may be built in steps depending on how fundraising goes. They would like to have a "Community Building Day" where the parents and teachers would all come together and build the playground.
12. Next Meeting is Feb 1, 2012 @ Bradt (6:30pm) with a presentation from the teachers after the meeting about Stress Relief and Anger Management
13. Motion to Adjourn: Danielle Audette/ second by Denise Lagasse