**PTA Meeting Minutes**

**10/11/11**

17 attendees at meeting

**Safe Routes to School: Carolyn Goldstein**

* Sidewalk - ribbon cutting today at 9:30

**Chess Club Update: Anne Kubik**

* donation made to High school Chess Club
* Hoping to have 3 sessions first 3 Tuesdays in November -1st, 8th, 15th
* Will be for 3rd-5th graders first and then after the holidays a session will be available for grades K-2
* Plan for the rest of the year will be to put together a chess club that meets regularly without supervision of high school students for students interested in continuing on their own.
* need to meet with Dr. Anton to get a room.
* Also waiting to hear if high school kids can do the dates.

**Scrip Update: Kara Brandes**

* Company offering program is called Great Lake Scrip Company
* How it works:
  + Buy a gift card at face value to give as a gift or keep or whatever. Each company participating will donate a percentage of what you pay, back to your school.
  + Companies donate different percentages.
  + There are many companies to choose from.
  + Example – An LL Bean gift card is worth C $20 so you pay $20 and L.L. Bean gives back a percentage to Bowman.
* Replaces Gift wrap fund raiser

**Book Fair Update: Leslie Forg**

* Book Fair will be running from October 31st – November 4th.
* Will be open during Movie Night to help boost sales.
* Using Book Ends again as the vendor, a small family owned book store in Winchester.
* We have used MySignup.com to schedule volunteers. Working very nicely.

**Room Parent Update: Cathy Swan**

* We have enough room parents for every class.

**Movie Night Update: Amy White**

* Ballots for voting on the movie are going out this week.
* Pizza will be available from 6:30- 7:00
* Movie will be shown from 7:00-8:30
* We need volunteers and will probably use an online sign up
* No popcorn machine so no popcorn this year…less mess
* Comment was made that MySignup.com worked very well for Teacher Lunches

**Act Update/ Big Map of Asia: Carol Cayer-Meade**

* Family night for the map is Thursday night October 13th.
* Can order pizza on-line

**Mother Goose:**

* Mother Goose is coming to visit the Kindergarteners this Wednesday October 12th.

**Website Update: Maura Fiske**

* If you have upcoming events, please send information to Maura,
* looking for Volunteers - help wanted, announcements - box tops winners, golden sneaker award can all be posted on the PTA Website.

**Parent Coffee Thursday October 13th - 8:45 in Library:**

**Flo Donaghy and Jennifer Velis**

* Bowman/Bridge Renovation Discussion
* Maryann Stewart will be joining from School Committee
* Very important for as many people as possible to attend

**Family Friends Update: Jean Ricci**

* we had a successful pizza party and came in under budget

**Big Back Yard Update: Jean Ricci**

* Fall trainings have been done (by Mei Ching - she works soooo hard), walks are in progress