

PTO Minutes January 9, 2008

Present: M. McCarthy, A. Hill, M. Gately, S. McNamara, M. Egan, A. Newey, K. Kerr, C. Fuerst, , J. Wood, N. Marshall, M. Testa, J. Lent, A. Dulong

Topics of Discussion

New Principal

- Introduction of Art DuLong, Interim Principal- Art was in Lexington for 31 years as a teacher. He taught grades 7 – 9 in Math. He coached track as well. He was at Concord Carlisle for 6 years as Assistant Principal.
- He will be with us from mid-January until June. State regulations require there be a principal. He said he could offer honest opinions because he is in a unique position and he will have an open door policy. His email is adulong@maynard.k12.ma.us
- John Lent's last day is Jan 23, 2008. He will be at the Prom and other events for the seniors and he will come to graduation as a guest. There is a reception planned for his last day by the students and faculty. The PTO has offered to help organize the food. We are looking for parents to send in desserts or money to help defray costs. WAVM will film the event for a future presentation.

New fundraiser

- MaryEllen has been investigating a new fundraiser called Got Books. The company will deliver a receptacle much like the paper-recycling bin. They will accept used books, videocassettes, DVD's and eyeglasses. They WILL NOT accept encyclopedias. When the bin is full, we call them and they will come empty it and send us a check for .05 per pound. They will also support this by advertising in the community. They sell some of the items at their site in Reading during weekend book sales and donate other items overseas. You can check them out at www.gotbooks.com. MaryEllen will pursue this with company, as everyone was agreeable.

Parent Groups Meeting

- There will be a meeting on Jan. 8th with the chairpersons of the PTO, MFM, WAVM and the Boosters to talk about ways for all groups to work together in the future and possibly organize fundraisers together to cut down on some of the smaller fundraisers. MaryEllen will report back on this next month.

School Pictures

- Life Touch has sent us a check for \$512 from the school pictures.

Next Meeting

- **Our next meeting will be moved to Feb. 13th due to Thursday being Valentine's Day.**

Submitted by: MaryEllen McCarthy