



**PTO Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 12, 2011**  
**6:30 – School Library**

Attendance: Lori Boyd, Susan Buckley, Colleen Cameron, Kara Childrose, Vicci Cook, Jean Cornwell, Tiffany Dezembo, Shannon Donohue, Tina Miller, Vicki Monahan, Dr. Mugits, Holly Rogers, Nichole Wilmoth, Carla Yaddow, Heather Yerry

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Meeting Called to Order at 6:30

President:

Vicci Cook, President – Welcome new members, Vicci introduced herself and invited all attendees to follow suit.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer: Vicki Monahan – Current Checking Acct. Balance, dispersed funds, etc. – Vicki distributed current account balance and noted all account payables from end of year activities, June 2011.

Secretary: Jean Cornwell

Address Books – To date approximately 50-60 have been returned. A second/final request to parents will be sent out later this week.

Picture Posters – Three photo collage posters of PTO activities from last year were posted on the cafeteria boards for the students to view.

Reporter: Carla Yaddow – Carla will distribute McTeacher's Night flyers to local business and around the Village.

Sunshine Committee: Holly Rogers - Vicci C. and Holly R. explained the purpose of the sunshine committee is to "send well wishes" via cards, flowers, gifts to teachers, administrators, and family members for marriage, death, birth, etc. To date no notifications were reported.

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What the PTO has Been Doing:

Vicci C. briefly noted on below activities that the PTO has been participating in since September:

- Back to School Ice Cream Social – Was held on September 29<sup>th</sup> sponsored by CapCom Federal Credit Union, the event was well attended and gave parents the opportunity to sign their children up for the school banking program. *School banking will start October 18<sup>th</sup> and will be every Tuesday throughout the year. Mrs. Carrie Gentile is the parent volunteer.*
- Summer Reading Program Celebration – Cake and supplies were provided by PTO for the summer reading challenge participants. Event took place in school library on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- School Supply Collection – PTO was asked to help our school families in need of school supplies. PTO is accepting supplies *ie.* pencils, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, notebooks, composition books, file folders, etc. Donation box has been placed at entrance way of school. Mrs. Hardy, social worker will disperse items to student's as needed.
- Elementary Morning Program – Additional movie passes were purchased to allow two "GOTCHA" drawing to be held each week at the Friday morning program.

October Events on the 2011-2012 Events Calendar

- Box Tops for Education Contest and Collection (Vicki Monahan) – Flyers and baggies were sent home the last week of September with contest specifics. The contest is underway and will run through February 17<sup>th</sup>. A number of incentives for our learners have been added to this year's contest. Families are encouraged to clip and submit box tops.
  - Anti-Bullying Assembly (Jean Cornwell) 10/17 at 1:30-2:15pm – Ronald McDonald is scheduled to present anti-bullying seminar in the school gymnasium for grades K-6. Parents are invited to attend.
  - McTeacher's Night (Jean Cornwell) 10/17 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Watervliet McDonald's – Fundraiser flyers were distributed, teachers are signed up ready and willing to work the event.
  - Joe Corbi's Fundraiser (Vicci Cook) begins 10/17 until 11/4, Delivery 12/15 2:30-4:30pm – Fundraiser packets to be distributed later this week.
  - Liberty Ridge Field Trip (Kara Childrose) – 10/31 Permission slips are being collected. Cost to each student is \$9 and PTO is covering cost of the bus transportation.
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### Guest Presenter:

Mr. Brian Nolan, Director of Food Service, Green Island School District – Mr. Nolan sampled food selection that food service offers to our children for breakfast and lunch. He spoke about the services provided by them and answered questions about the products served. **Mr. Nolan did state he will advise his staff to provide a low account balance notification to be sent home with the elementary students.** If you have questions or concerns please contact Mr. Nolan at [bnolan@advancedmeal.com](mailto:bnolan@advancedmeal.com)

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### What the PTO is planning in the near Future:

- Juice Pouch Collection – The committee agreed to eliminate program. Jean C. will submit pouches collected to date for the upcoming submission to TerraRecycle Brigade Co.
- Santa’s Workshop – Vicki M. and Vicci C. have been purchasing items in clearance bins all year long, to date several items have been obtained.
- Holiday Concerts Raffles and Bake Sale - Carla Y. and Ms. Persons will start soliciting businesses asking for Holiday Raffle donations. To be discussed further at November meeting.
- Holiday Treat for Grades K-6 – To be discussed at November meeting.
- Year End Field Trips - To be discussed at November meeting.

### Items to Share:

- Reminder – Spread the word on 2 simple ways to earn money for our school:
  - Tools for School – Re-register your Price Chopper Advantage card, the program was updated this past year and all participants need to re-register card for our school to earn points. Our school code is 15887 and enter your advantage card number.
  - School Bucks Program at Colonie Center - Before you leave the mall, take your register receipt or movie stubs to the Customer Service desk located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Let them know you’d like to register your receipts for Heatly School or Green Island Elementary School (we’re listed under both names).
- Mrs. Shannon Donohue – Co-Advisor to Class of 2014 – The class is looking for parent volunteers to help out with the class fundraising activities. The class has only 9 students, and they have several ideas for fundraising, *ie.* Bingo for books, family game night. Mrs. Donohue will share information with the PTO as it becomes available. If you are interested in helping out please contact Mrs. Donohue directly at [sdonohue@greenisland.org](mailto:sdonohue@greenisland.org)
- Ms. Tiffany Dezembo – Shared information on the District Leadership Team (DLT) Committee. Ms. Dezembo explained committee is made up of teachers, students, parents, and administrators. The DLT is charged with leading school improvement efforts. In the past DLT has led the efforts in revising the school’s mission statement, setting goals that help meet our mission, and providing/following through on action plans supporting these goals. Some tangible results to date have been the Student-Staff Mentoring Program, the Good News from School Postcards, and the curriculum mapping initiative. Committee meets once every other month for a work day (8:00 - 2:30) they are looking for at least **two volunteers** to represent the parents/community of Green Island on the DLT. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Ms. Dezembo directly at [tdezembo@greenisland.org](mailto:tdezembo@greenisland.org)
- Dr. Michael Mugits
  - Dr. Mugits began by thanking all who were in attendance and encourages male participation. He stressed the importance of parent/family involvement in the success of our children.
  - Noted our school’s press releases in the Troy Record over the past month: Anti-Bullying Assembly, Walk your child to school, and online courses.
  - Dr. Mugits reported elementary enrollment is up 7% from last year.
  - In an effort to keep the lines of communication opened and inform the community about news and events there are several options available: visit the school website at [www.greenisland.org](http://www.greenisland.org), enroll in the School New Notifier (SNN), Dr. Mugits can personally be found on facebook “like” the Green Island Heatly School page, on twitter at @mmugits and click “follow” to receive tweets or his blog at <http://heatlyhornetsnest.blogspot.com>

### Closing Remarks/Questions/Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

**Next meeting to be held November 9th in the school library at 6:30pm.** Note date change from original schedule. Tastefully Simple presentation/fundraiser will be rescheduled.

We hope to see you there!!

Jean Cornwell  
PTO Secretary