

Higgins PTO Monthly Minutes December 9, 2009

- **Budget**-Ellen Gonick went over the proceeds from the craft fair, they are as follows:
Total Profit- \$7,178.08
Raffles- \$1, 827.07
Cookie Walk- \$913.00
Higgins Café-\$520.01
Vendors- \$3,918.00
- **Holiday Shopping**-Diane Kahn gave an update on the shopping, which went well and is willing to chair this event next year.
- **Principal's Message**-Mr. Bucey
 - Students are enjoying the incentive programs that are offered to each grade throughout the year. Grade 7 had the most points and was given free admission into the dance on December 4th. The grade that receives the most points for the entire year will enjoy a trip to Canobie Lake Park.
 - 8th grade students are using scratch books to help raise money for their trip to NY in the spring. It will be determined if the booklets were a success and will be something that the students next year will continue to use to help them raise funds for their trip.
 - Connect Ed has been launched, which is an automated system for the school department to get messages to parents about school closings, emergencies, ect. Dr. Burnett made test calls to each home the week of December 4th.
 - There is an open seat for the School Council, which is a group of Parents and administration that puts school improvement plans together. The council meets about once a month. They will be working on the 2010-2011 plans. If interested please contact Mr. Bucey.
 - On December 10th there was the Barnes & Nobel Fundraiser; it was a showcase for the performing arts. The Drama Club, Select Choir, Jazz Band and Woodwind ensemble all performed. 10% of all proceeds from Higgins families and friends went to the Performing Arts at the Higgins.
- **Cultural Events**-Nothing to report

- **Valentine' Dance**-To be held February 5th from 6:30-9:00pm. This dance is for all grades. PTO will be asking for volunteers to help with this event. If interested, please attend our next meeting.
- **Student/Faculty Basketball Game**-Will either be Thursday, March 18th or Thursday March 25th, PTO needs to coordinate a date with the faculty members. Details will follow at the January meeting.
- **Craft Fair Signs**-If anyone has a craft fair sign that has not been returned, please try to return to the school or email us at higginspto@hotmail.com
- **Fundraising**-The PTO will discuss in January if we feel there is a need for another fundraiser before the end of the year.
- **Thank you**-Higgins PTO would like to thank all of the parents and board members that volunteered their time to help make our 8th Annual Craft Fair a success. Thank you for your continued support.
- **Our next meeting**-will be January 13th at 7pm in the Cullen Library. We encourage you to attend to find out about our upcoming events.
- **Need to contact us?**-Feel free to do so at higginspto@hotmail.com

Hope everyone has a happy holiday season!