

**MSAD #51 PTO
Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2010**

Presentation initiated at 7:03pm by speakers after introductions by Gloria Nicholson, PTO co-chair, of Emily Wolf, Project Manager for 21 Reasons, and Suzanne DiBella-Olson, Research and Project Assistant for Maine Environmental Substance Abuse Prevention Center (MESAP).

Casco Bay Coalition focus made up of Cumberland, North Yarmouth, Freeport, Falmouth and Pownal creating the Casco Bay C.A.N. initiative (create awareness now).

Focus is to prevent underage drinking, marijuana use and prescription misuse, with primary focus on underage drinking because this kills more children than the other two combine.

Underage drinking cost the state of Maine \$107 million in 2005.

Casco Bay use polled in 2008 (6-12 graders):

Alcohol use in past 30 days: 23.6%
6th grade only: 9%
12 grade only: 35.2%

Binge drinking* prior 2 weeks: 11.4%
6th grade only: 2%
12 grade only 18.8%

Compared to state wide survey, 12 grade is above state average.
All grades lower than state average.

Only 1/3 of underage drinking deaths due to auto accidents.

Programming shifted from individual to environmental education and responsibility.

Focus on: Empowering parents
 Enforcing laws
 Decreasing community access
 Changing community attitudes

Introducing new program: Table Talk to increase community awareness
For more information: sdibella@mcd.org
Packets made available and left for distribution.

CTO: 7:54pm

1. Attending: Gloria Nicholson, Linda Collins, Carol Lambert, Stacey Carlson, Vickie Bell, Beth Smith, Sue Pynchon, Jen Segal, Heather Giandrea.

2. Approval of March and April minutes

No discussion, minutes approved.

3. Old and New Business

Elections for 2010-11 PTO Board members.

Reviewed nominations with 2 openings

(Fundraising, Enrichment – GMS/GHS)

Nominations for new positions passed unanimously.

4. Committee Reports:

a) Treasurer

2 deposits, 2 checks.

No request from 7th grade for enrichment money.

b) Enrichment

6th grade had \$600 left – looking onto possible change from budgeted funds as timeline unable to be completed within budget/time allotted.

2nd grade – 160 students to Desert of Maine, over budget \$34. PTO voted to provide additional funds.

Funding request for Locavore Lunch – withheld vote pending end of year available finances for PTO.

c) Events

Teacher and staff appreciation very successful due to lots of parent support. “Token of appreciation” completed by children. Excellent raffle items. Thanks to all.

d) Fundraising

Memorial Mile – town requires PTO to fund ambulance for event

Prizes ordered, ribbons pending

Pies short only 10-12

Volunteer almost all covered – Needs:

1 volunteer to liaison with acappella singing group

people to help with the race

volunteers to hand out participation ribbons

runner to get winner’s information to race announcer

Next meeting : Tues 5/18 – 4pm at Town Hall

Ads – on web, fliers going up around town. Want to post on PTO website and on Ch. 2

Need PR for community photo and the days events

Looking to get basics on Memorial Day into classroom via enrichment connections with Carolyn Small and/or through the library.

e) Publicity

No report.

f) Volunteer

No report.

g) Secretary

Nuts and bolts index of contacts on computer filed by committee to be assisted by Tyra.

Maureen to write thank you notes for teacher appreciation raffle items.

Stacey reviewed gifts and donations from Events/teacher appreciation.

To forward list to Tyra for future contact list under Events/teacher appreciation gifts and donations.

h) Co-Chair

Thank you notes read from central office staff, individuals regarding generosity of PTO during teacher/staff appreciation week.

5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted: Stacey Carlson, co-secretary; May 28, 2010.