

The Institute For Excellence Charter School  
Family & School Alliance Meeting  
9/23/09 6:30pm

Present:

Colleen Webster – President FSA  
Dorothy Morrison- Recording Secretary FSA  
Jennifer Barone – Vice President FSA  
Diane Biello – Corresponding Secretary FSA

Meeting was begun at 6:35pm

Colleen Webster made a welcome and introduction of the FSA officers.

Colleen Webster made a review of the events scheduled and a request for an events coordinator.

A review of various fundraisers the school is enrolled in was made by Dorothy Morrison, including GoodSearch, Target and Coke rewards. Also, the Botxtops and Campbell's soup label programs were discussed; they are to be chaired by Lisa Urso and Jennifer Barone respectively.

In the absence of treasurer Alexis Rossiter, Dorothy Morrison gave a Treasurer's report.

Colleen Webster gave a review of the Volunteer policy. Any person wishing to volunteer more than 5 hours a month must go through the approved volunteer screening, including fingerprinting at their own cost, and provide documentation to the school office. The forms and information are listed on the TIFECS website, FSA page.

A "Community Helper" day will be held Oct 16th and various ideas were discussed as to what sort of participants will be able to come to the event.

There will be a "Trunk Treats" event Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, at the school where pre-approved volunteers will provide candy/treats for the children to trick or treat from the trunks of their cars.

During the open forum many ideas were received from the parent body, including but not limited to:

A Cinderella cheesecake fundraiser

A RiverSharks baseball fundraiser

Bowling night

Sock Hop

Various auction ideas

Pretzel day (April has National pretzel day)

Various candy/flower gram ideas

Many ideas were also discussed regarding a holiday shop for the children.

There will be a Back to School night at the school for all parent's/guardians Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Details will be forthcoming from TIFECS.

The idea of renting the Senior Center on Cooper Folly's Road for the parent's night out babysitting event in Dec.

Director of Education Antoinette Thompson advised us that school photos will be done in the fall where the children will wear uniforms both for single photos and class photos and then in the Spring the children will be photographed in causal attire. This casual day will be separate from the Casual day fundraisers the FSA will be sponsoring once a month. The first of which will be Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

Parents present were all encouraged to join the FSA and remit membership fees either at the meeting or later through the FSA mailbox in the office.

The next FSA meeting will be Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm.