

PTA Minutes - 1/12/2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Attending: Konni Brantner, Jeannie Dawson, David B. Mintz, Posie Stitt, Al T. Cooper, Mistre Ayele, Michelle Hunsicker-Blair, JoAnn Barney, Holly Shropshire, Michael Tucker, April Adhikari

Points covered:

- Eighth grade graduation - Susan Jaller, Konni Brantner and Colleen Anderson will be calling on parents to help with this. It was suggested that each family be asked to make a donation toward the expense.
- Fifth grade orientation - next Thursday from 6:30-8:30. Susan Jaller and Konni Brantner will be present to represent the PTA.
- Holiday thank you breakfast was a success. Leftover donuts were donated to Rainbow Shelter, which is a haven for homeless women.
- Parent reunification for emergency release situations (such as the extra day off due to heating problems): Parents must understand that they must have ID or written/verbal permission for kids to be picked up at the school by anyone other than the adults listed on the emergency contact forms that were turned in at the beginning of the year.
- Registration forms and course recommendations for next year will be sent home.
- The school had an excellent performance by a professional Chinese dancer. Unfortunately, due to the need to review for midterms and concern over missing 4 instructional days, several of the 8th grade classes were not able to attend.
- Upcoming events mentioned: Exams start Friday; new quarter starts the 26th; MSAs given at the end of February; after school extended learning starts the week of the 26th; SGA dance from 7-9 this Friday; Geography Bee finals
- Congratulations to Daryl Thorne, who completed her PhD.
- The Robotics classes will be working with engineers from Naval Surface Warfare Center to test their creations in their underwater simulation tanks.
- Science expo on February 10.
- MSA mega party the week before spring break
- Susannah Harvey went to Peru to visit a needy school district in that area. She is proposing that Wood take on a school wide service project to "adopt" the district by helping with new and used supplies. She will return to Peru this summer to take supplies back. Some items that will be collected from Feb-May: used/new backpacks, school supplies, boots (for walking in mud), etc... LCL class could document efforts.
- Weather station update: Rock Creek Valley may have a weather station to give us, so we would only need to purchase the media portion.
- Looking for alternatives to Kathy Beich fundraiser. Many suggestions: Sell tickets for a staff talent show; selling pizza and candy after school;

oranges and grapefruit sale; Yankee candles; Entertainment books; Subway; Krispy Kreme donuts; silent auction; yard sale; "Wood Idol" show for parents, teachers and students; seasonal greens sale; White Elephant sale

- Holly Shropshire will look into Krispy Kreme fundraiser; and Yankee candles
- Michelle Hunsicker-Blair is going to coordinate a PTA fundraiser with Subway.
- Posie will look into Fuddruckers
- Suggested and supported- for next years fundraiser: Sell garlands of Greens (maybe wreaths also) - we would start in Nov. and deliver after Thanksgiving break. We would make about 150% profit, and we'd have to go to Frederick to pick up. Posie Stitt and Patrician ___ will help.
- Spring Fling will be a Friday in April. Jane Fry will coordinate. Idea: include an opportunity for fundraising- Tupperware/ baskets/ ect.
- Suggestions for by law changes:
 - Have a VP in charge of fundraising
 - Need to separate hospitality and staff appreciation functions
 - Need to have committee to evaluate and propose changes in by laws. This should be done this summer
- Need nominating committee to recruit officers : Posie Stitt, Al Cooper and Colleen Anderson
- Congratulations to Michelle Hunsicker-Blair and Valerie Kunin for receiving their Board Certifications
- Question was addressed regarding weather or not the quantity of textbooks is sufficient for all classes. Need to add links to textbooks on edline. Michelle Hunsicker-Blair is going to work on this. We will send it out through E-Wood.