

## PTA MINUTES- 3/9/2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

- Ms. Dawson spoke about the field trip to the NSWC the students taking robotics experienced. They met with engineers and robotics staff. The trip was written up in the Gazette. The engineers are committed to working with the school for free. This is a great business partnership for Wood.
- Other partnerships with NIH, FDA discussed. 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes are working on experiments. The scientists are working in person now but in the future will be on the web cam.
- Our science expo was a big success. There were demonstrations of robotics, live birds of prey, kitchen chemistry. Ms. Dawson noted the excellence of the student presentations. Some students were selected to present at the high school level and won.
- Dr. Weast and his executive staff along with business partners visited Wood. They were thoroughly impressed with the school and stated that we were a “Model School” for the county. Out of the 5 initiative schools, we are where people come to learn. This experience may enable us to get more technology.
- MSA was running very smoothly. Students felt prepared for tests. 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders were beginning reading the next day. Ms. Dawson encouraged parents to remind their students to get a good night sleep and eat a good breakfast. These scores are utilized in helping to determine courses for the following year and how to supports students’ needs. Along with MSA scores, MAP-R and summative and formative assessments are also used.
- Correlational research shows that if students are above level in math and reading 95% will score 1650 on their SAT. This falls in line with the 7 Keys and having students in Algebra 1 by 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Liz Novatny presented the revised budget. Cultural arts were decreased to \$2200, the Post MSA was decreased \$1000 and we removed the \$1000 miscellaneous expenses. With these revisions we should meet our annual budget.
- Holly Shropshire spoke with the Yankee Candle representative and decided to proceed with that fundraiser as we can earn up to 40% profit. Shipping costs taken out of profit. There will be an iPod shuffle to the highest seller. Prizes for other top sellers need to be determined. Martina will put on the website if Holly gets her the information. One concern was having kids sell through spring break. Another was how the kids will get heavy candles home. Ms. Dawson agreed to send messages via Connect Ed over spring break.
- Krispy Kreme donut sale was another idea for fundraising. It was decided selling door to door was not a good idea. They can’t be sold after school. Perhaps at spring musical orders could be taken and delivered the next day.
- No updates on restaurants for Wood Night Out.
- Question was raised regarding donation to school for Weather Station.
- Publicize option of donations in lieu of fundraising.

- Media Aid is out with an injury. Adult help needed from 10:30-1 so that the media center can be left open. Posie volunteered to put out some phone calls and Colleen agreed to put it on EWood. Ms. Hunsicker-Blair could also use help at other times with shelving.
- ASAP-new editor needed for Wood newsletter. Now would be great, but minimally for next year. Suggestion to get one of the Rockville journalism students to take on the project. Peter Daddone needs to be contacted.
- Colleen updated nomination reports. Still needed: treasurer, Corresponding secretary, MCCPTA-delegate, Special Needs-chair, G/T liaison, School Improvement Plan- still need 3 members, Staff Appreciation-2<sup>nd</sup> person needed, Hospitality, Cultural Arts, Fall Fundraiser, Restaurant fundraiser, Book Fair-need 2<sup>nd</sup> person, Newsletter Editor. We will be voting in May. We are trying to get representatives from all 5 feeder schools.
- Suggestion was made for Konni to contact presidents of elementary school PTAs for suggestions and to also invite them to the next meeting.
- There was a motion to eliminate the existing VP of Classroom Support position and add VP of Fundraising. This needs to be amended in the bylaws.
- Those present at meeting divided in groups and brainstormed ideas to help school, students, PTA and parents. We will share at next meeting.
- Bookfair May10-15 to coincide with the play. Reminders to be posted on EWood, website and by teachers.
- Mega Party was held on May 26<sup>th</sup> in combination with fundraiser and MSA party. Saved PTA \$2000.
- June 16 will be when 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation is held.
- Guest speaker Elizabeth Sandall spoke on critical thinking. Members thought the presentation was very informative.