

Pleasant Avenue PTA Meeting Minutes

Date: October 19, 2009

Attendees:

Kristina Mraz - Y	Deb Ammann - Y	Quinn Swartwout -
Elena Willett - N	Gina Hadcock - N	Michelle Heroth - Y
Rachel Truckenmiller -	Monica Poitras - Y	Lisa VanAernam - Y

Additional Participants:

Jessica Eaton - Y	Nancy Spencer - Y	Ellen Freeny - Y
Vanessa Sheppard - Y	Heidi Norris - Y	Jen Sponnoble - Y
Jeff Vivenzio - Y	Caroline Wagner - Y	Nadeen Rizzo - Y
Karen Miller - Y	Helen Reed - Y	Jill Richardson - Y
Christine Lamori - Y	Dan (sp) - Y	Sharon Krutz - Y
Michele Lake - Y	Stephanie Nasadsi (sp) - Y	Tammi King - Y
Matthew Lewis - Y	Kathi Lewis - Y	Barb Fisher - Y
Lori Heroth - Y		

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept – Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. VanAernam

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept – Mrs. Rizzo and Mrs. Krutz

Corresponding Secretary Report: Motion to accept – N/A

Committee Reports:

Membership:

- Great response. Would like to reach goal of 108 to meet last years participation.

Central Council:

- First Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26th at JHS in the small cafeteria at 6:30pm

School Store:

- N/A

Popcorn Sales:

- Popcorn sale schedule has been established. Teachers signed up for their dates. Process suggestion from Warren Street: have students sign up in the morning and pay for it. Volunteers can start popping and can be delivered to classrooms at the end of the day (Eliminates waste – great idea!)

Fundraiser:

- Very successful. Raised over \$12K. Waiting for a few orders to yet be paid for. Anticipate placing order on Friday.

School pictures:

- Issues with vendors - originally reserved McGrath. They merged with Hallmark/Lifetouch over the summer. Order forms were originally misprinted, ended up having new ones resent. Pricing within Johnstown school district were different and that was not the agreed upon contract. Issue will be raised to Central Council to address for next year.
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Box Tops/Tools for Schools/Campbells/Hannaford/Ink Cartridges:

- Tools for schools. Program going great. 18,000+ points!

Old/New Business:

- **Reflections:** Due October 20, 2009. Would like to have on display for the Fall Festival.
- **PARP:** Recruited a few new members. Looking forward to an exciting year. Plan to do in January/February timeframe.
- **Book Fair:** Successful. Thanks to all who supported the sale.

- **Accelerated Reader:** Students and teachers are frustrated. Students can't get on to take the tests. Some original links were going back to transferred students original school. There was an issue with the script when the students were logging on. Network issues were causing system to freeze up. Mrs. Mraz to address Mrs. Sullivan regarding the budget and supplies required for the Program. Suggestion is to put AR on-line. Cost for on-line would be approx. \$4 per student (\$4300 as a District). Benefits are that the system wouldn't be on our servers and would eliminate the network issues, ability to do activities at home, parents can sign on to see what tests they've taken etc., would open all books online (students not limited to tests we purchased).
- **Budget:** Executive Committee to review final numbers. Teachers to still get \$50 per class, Cooking with Math included (\$ to be increased due to additional students in building), new programs need monetary allocation, Missoula Theatre (traveling children's theater – participate every other year), etc.
- **Subway School Rewards:** Mrs. Mraz signed us up. If you have a Subway card, go on-line and sign up your membership number and Pleasant receives points. www.subway.com
- **Volunteer List/Room Parents:** List was reviewed and approved. Teachers will be contacting the parents directly.
- **Program List:** Please volunteers to help out:
 - Ink Cartridges: Monica Poitras
 - Fall Bingo: Scott and Karen Miller
 - Pancake Breakfast: Barb Fisher
 - Yearbook: Mrs. Wagner/Mrs. Reed with Student Council.
 - Carnival: Barb Fisher will help too.
 - Santa's Workshop: Michele Lake, Lori Heroth, Monica Poitras
 - Wellness Day: Michele Lake to help too
 - 6th Grade Dance: Barb Fisher and Michelle Heroth
 - 6th Grade Picnic: Barb Fisher and Michelle Heroth
- **Fall Festival:** October 22nd. Free for all to attend (\$1 if students want to have any pictures printed). Activities include face painting, mystery box, games and prizes, mummy wrap, pumpkin decorating, snacks, etc. Volunteers to be here at 5:30pm. Each student will receive a goodie bag. Thanks for McDonald's for their donations. Flyer to be sent home soon.
- **BINGO:** November 18th
- **Snacks** – The availability of snacks at lunch time has been suspended. Mrs. Mraz to address with Mrs. Sullivan as we would like to reinstate the ability for students to purchase at least one day a week.

Principal's Report:

- SDM: First meeting went well. Brainstorming to determine vision of the group and it's place in the community. Want an open communication with PTA, looking to do student projects (Academic Fair), building policies, etc. More to come.
- Dismissal: Made some changes due to safety and relieve congestion.
 - Still have an issue with cars going the same loop as the buses and cars trying to pass and park.
 - Congestion at the front doors with volume of "pick up" adults.
 - Subject to be addressed at SDM
- Safety Patrol Vests: Barb Fisher to see if she can arrange to get some for us.
- Child & Family Counseling Center – Tikinna Blalock: Decision was made to not bring them in for a special session. Parents in the community can seek their services individually if they want to.

Dates to Remember:

October 22, 2009: Fall Festival
 November 18, 2009: BINGO night

Next Meeting:

November 16th at 6:30pm in Pleasant Avenue School Library