

Peters Township PTA Area Council

February 24, 2011

Call to order: The February 24, 2011 meeting of the Peters Township Area Council was called to order at 9:21AM. President Carol Aurin presided. Gina Wells recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President's Report- Carol Aurin

*Welcomed all in attendance and thanked those who provided hospitality

Secretary's Report-Gina Wells

*The minutes of the January 20, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-Cathy Vargo

*The report was presented and filed with the secretary.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Nina Zetty, Superintendent

*Spoke of the logic behind having two-hour delays as opposed to a cancellation due to the weather. The make-up day for the cancellation is Thursday, April 21, 2011.

*Explained the issues regarding pyrite at McMurray Elementary which were discussed at the last Building and Grounds committee meeting. The curriculum meeting will be held on March 7, 2011 at 6:30pm.

*Beginning in the fall, parents will be able to assess all of their childrens' PowerSchool accounts using a single password

Mrs. Shelly Belcher, Communications Director

*Encouraged all to utilize the monthly PTSD e-newsletter, the daily postings on Facebook and the district website as a source of information

*Progress is being made on the development of the district's Newcomer Club at each school making the transition to PTSD easier for families new to the district

*The installation of safety doors is almost complete within the district's buildings

Mr. Duke Maloy, Technology Director

*Wireless assess is being introduced into each school building as the budget allows

*Interviews are on-going to fill the open positions within the department

Dr. Mary Monsour, Staff Development and ITI Director

*PSSA exams begin on March 14 and will continue through the month of April

*Examining how technology is being used by the students of the district

Mrs. Diane Ritter, School Board representative

*A new director of transportation has been hired along with a new high school varsity football coach and the resignation of Bill King was accepted

*The field at Pleasant Valley will be renovated to include bathroom facilities, concession stands, increased parking and seating along with a turf playing surface

Unit Reports

Pleasant Valley-Peggy Daniels, PTA co-president

*PV Hero month and service projects are wrapping up for the month. Upcoming events include PV Idol contest, Donuts for Dad and the Reading Challenge

Bower Hill-Jan Trombitas, PTA president

*The focus for the meeting in March is standardized testing. Upcoming events include the Bee-stro.

McMurray-Lisa Briegel, PTA president

*The yearbook order forms are due. March events include movie nights for the fourth and fifth grades.

Middle School-Sarah Lindsay, PTA treasurer

*Orientation for current parents of sixth graders is set for March 2 at 6pm. Upcoming events include the Spring dance and the student-faculty basketball game.

High School-Jeff Crummie, PTA co-president

*Eight document cameras were gifted to the school from the PTA

Committee Reports-Michele Bittel

School Pictures

*A slide presentation was given of four companies being considered for the school picture contract. Audience members were asked to rank the companies and to provide any feedback on the paper which was provided. The Area Council board will render a decision in the coming weeks.

Adjournment

*Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM