

Peters Township PTA Area Council

November 18, 2010

Call to order: The November 18, 2010 meeting of the Peters Township Area Council was called to order at 9:20AM. President Carol Aurin presided and Gina Wells recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President's Report-Carol Aurin

*Welcomed all in attendance and encouraged everyone to sample the food provided by Aramark and Sherry Voitek along with the Middle School PTA

*Flyers from the state PTA concerning pre-paid American Express cards were distributed to those present

Secretary's Report-Gina Wells

*The minutes of the October 21, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report-Cathy Vargo

*The current budget was presented and a copy will be retained by the secretary.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Nina Zetty, Superintendent

*Spoke of the technology education program in place in grades 4, 5 and 6; the high school staff is teaching college readiness to their students; more mentoring opportunities are to come in the future such as engineering, music and the arts

*Current focuses include renovation of the Pleasant Valley fields and of the High School building

*Traveled with Drs. Monsour and Freado to San Francisco to receive the National School District of Character award and presented each individual PTA unit a certificate from the honor

Dr. Beverly Hall, Director of Curriculum

*Currently writing the following curriculums: elementary science, counseling, arts and music

*Implementing new media, computer technology and science curriculums presently

*Various online and mentoring courses are being added along with incorporating 21st century learning

*Phasing in Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry for next school year to replace the Integrated Math courses

Mrs. Sherry Voitek, Director of Food Services

*Tyson and Aramark have joined forces to develop healthier chicken nuggets and patties

*NutraKids system is working very well

*Asked each building to form a student food committee to supply input on food services

Dr. Anthony Merante, Assistant Superintendent

*Looking to fill High School principal position along with school security officer position at High School

Mrs. Shelly Belcher, Communications Director

*Currently updating school district's Facebook page along with High School guidance website

Mrs. Diane Ritter, School Board representative

*Announced the retirement of Rich Relich, athletic director, effective June 30, 2011

Unit Reports

Pleasant Valley-Mary Pat DeRienzo, PTA co-president

*Ms. Joyce Rodgers and Mrs. Yocca received Character Counts awards

*Current giving day projects include the collection of shoes for Haiti and candy for the Washington City Mission

Bower Hill-Jan Trombitas, PTA President

*Playground monitors, janitors and cafeteria workers were all recipients of Character Counts awards

*Judging of the Reflections contest took place last evening; there were over 180 entries

McMurray-Lisa Briegel, PTA President

*The winners of the Red Ribbon door decorating contest played a kickball game with the principals

*Student Council is purchasing playground equipment and picnic tables

*McMurray Day format is being changed to include an assembly with an illusionist, field games and playground/carnival games

Middle School-Lisa Anderson, PTA President

*Project Red Shirt will be occurring every Friday for the remaining of the school year

*Low attendance at the Halloween dance due to a High School football game the same evening

High School-Lorra Brannen, PTA President

*A brunch for the teachers was held on teacher-parent conference day

*The main fundraiser, football concession stand, for the school year has been completed

Committee Reports, Michele Bittel, 1st Vice-President

School-wide Directory

*Distribution is set to take place today

Reflections

*Judging took place at the local unit and Area Council levels

New Business

*Area Council newsletter is able via e-mail

Old Business

*None

Adjournment

*Meeting adjourned at 12:10PM