

PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL

OCTOBER 21, 2010

Call to order: The October 21, 2010 meeting of the Peters Township Area Council was called to order at 9:23AM. 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

Secretary's Report- Gina Wells

*The minutes of the September 23, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Unit Reports

Bower Hill Elementary

*Mrs. Gustafson spoke of the support of the PTA in helping with the rescheduling of the Open House due to the power outage. The new assistant principal is Mr. Chris Schutt. The date of the presentation of the Crayola Creativity grant is October 26 in which the school will receive \$500 in Crayola products along with a \$2500 grant.

*Jan Trombitas announced current PTA membership is 676 members. The annual Read-A-Thon is currently going on and received over \$20,000 in donations to date. The rope jumping assembly was a huge success with the children.

Pleasant Valley Elementary

*Mr. Fisher felt Open House was an outstanding event. "Plan a Promise" is the theme for this year's Red Ribbon week. One of the events occurring during the celebration will be the planting of daffodil bulbs around the school.

*Peggy Daniels and Mary Pat DeRenzo announced PTA membership is currently at 427 members. The school is collecting shoes for Haiti as their current Giving Day project. Recent events include tours of the fire safety house and registration for the after school dance and enrichment programs.

Peters Township Middle School

*Dr. Freado and Mr. Henaghan announced November 2 as the next Character Counts meeting and November 16 as the Character Counts awards ceremony. A cyber-bullying assembly is scheduled for November during Character Counts week. "Take Your Parent to School" day was very successful.

*Lisa Anderson applauded administration for the success of "Take Your Parent to School" day. The Halloween dance is set for October 22 and Apple Crunch day is set for October 27.

McMurray Elementary

*Mr. Stoehr spoke of the various daily themes of the upcoming Red Ribbon week. The theme for Character Counts week is "Manners Matter" which occurs in November.

*Lisa Briegel stated PTA membership is currently over 800 members for the year. The various grade-level brunches with the principals are currently happening at the school.

Peters Township High School

*Mr. Brettschneider announced the theme for this school year as "Mind, Body and Soul" for the students and faculty. He expressed the importance of getting the students involved in the PTSA and assuming leadership roles in the school

along with increasing faculty PTSA memberships. Faculty is being encouraged to increase their use of technology in classrooms.

*Lorra Brannen explained each class was given money to work on floats for the Homecoming parade. The library is looking for volunteers to process books. The Thespian Club's first production is coming up later this month.

School Board

*Diane Ritter expressed her thanks to the Pleasant Valley PTA for their generous donation of over \$2200 for the purchase of two Smart Boards. The school district is using a low interest loan and grant money to replace the roof at the High School. The school board is also currently looking at renovations for the fields above Pleasant Valley Elementary.

Guest Speaker

*Dale Malencia of Via dale explained his website design that helps organizations schedule volunteers for school events.

Committee Reports- Michele Bittel

Reflections

*Judging will take place on November 17 in the PTMS cafeteria.

School-wide Directory

*The directory is being printed currently and will be distributed in the next few weeks.

School Pictures

*Retakes are taking place now. Spellman Studios is taking responsibility for any issues with the placement of their logo.

Character Counts

*No Report

Membership

*All local units have been informed of important dates regarding submission of membership lists to the state PTA.

By-laws

*All local units have been asked to submit a final copy of their by-laws and standing rules to Lisa Anderson as soon as possible. The state PTA is requiring a copy of each local unit's yearly audit report and tax form 990 to be sent yearly.

Old Business

*A candidate forum is being held on October 26 at PTMS with Tim Murphy and Dan Connelly as the candidates. Adult and student volunteers are needed for the event.

New Business

*Suzanne MacKay is the contact person for the Peters Township Special Needs parent group. The group's next meeting will take place on November 3 at Center Church Presbyterian Church.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20AM