

# PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL

## APRIL 22, 2010

Call to order: The April 22, 2010 meeting of the Peters Township Area Council was called to order at 9:22AM. President Carol Aurin presided and Gina Wells recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

### **President's Report- Carol Aurin**

\*Thank you to those who brought hospitality

### **Secretary's Report- Gina Wells**

\*The minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report- Anne Marie Wiegmann**

\*A motion was made to pay the monthly bills by Jodi Hannah. The motion was seconded by Debbie Smith and passed.

### **Unit Reports**

#### **Dr. Nina Zetty, Superintendent**

\*Announced the discovery of the bell from the Venetia School during a safety inspection in the boiler room of the high school

\*Showed a promotional video produced by PTHS students for the upcoming Imagination Celebration of the Arts on May 14-15

\*Bower Hill Elementary will be addressing the "turn-around" in the parking lot over the summer months

\*Lock-down procedures at the end of the school day are being analyzed at all buildings

\*Addressed the numerous power outages which have caused the phone lines to be down at times this spring

#### **Dr. Anthony Merante, Assistant Superintendent**

\*Spoke of on-going safety discussions with bus drivers

\*Interviews are being conducted for various teaching positions along with a principal at Pleasant Valley and an assistant principal at Bower Hill

#### **Dr. Beverly Hall, Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instructional Technology**

\*Changes include the addition of a geo-science course for 2010/2011, renaming tech education to technology education and engineering, and asking the teachers to include real-life problem solving into their classrooms

\*Working on implementing gaming course elective, business mentoring course, information technology honors course and is addressing the diagnosis of problems in mathematical learning process

**Mr. William King, Supervisor of Special Education**

\*Spoke of the extended school year program that will be run by the district this summer which will focus on both academic and social aspects

**Mrs. Sherry Voitek, Director of Food Services**

\*Announced the unveiling of new monthly menus later this month  
\*Is looking for people to work as substitute food service employees  
\*POS is beginning at Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill within the next two weeks with the Middle School and High School starting in early May

**Sue Smith, School Board representative**

\*Extended a thank you to Pleasant Valley and Bower Hill for the donation of equipment to the district  
\*Encouraged people to attend the upcoming committee meetings

**Bower Hill, Rochelle Saxon (unit president)**

\*Presented the slate of officers for 2010/2011 which is as follows: Jan Trombitas(president), Michele Szewczyk(1<sup>st</sup> vice-president), Ria Kartsonas(2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president), Gretchen Walker (treasurer), and Laura Spernak(secretary)  
\*Upcoming events include a book fair and teacher appreciation week  
\*Annual bistro event went well despite power outage

**Pleasant Valley, Maureen Watson (unit co-president)**

\*Presented the slate of officers for 2010/2011 which is as follows: Mary Pat DeRienzo and Peggy Daniel (co-presidents), Tracey Melograne (1<sup>st</sup> vice-president), Loran Sehnert (2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president), Serena King (3<sup>rd</sup> vice-president), Renee Glover (secretary), Kristen Pakela (treasurer), and Kathleen Faina (assistant treasurer)  
\*In the process of implementing ConstantContact  
\*Upcoming events include volunteer appreciation brunch and the end of the year grade plays

**McMurray, Lisa Briegel (unit president)**

\*Invitation is extended to third grade parents to attend the May meeting  
\*The date for McMurray Day is set for June 10 with the rain date as June 11  
\*Book fair is scheduled for early May

**Middle School, Sue Clark and Lisa Smith (co-unit presidents)**

\*Presented the slate of officers for 2010/2011 which is as follows: Lisa Anderson (president), Carol Plantizer (1<sup>st</sup> vice-president), Michele Smith (2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president), Sarah Lindsay (treasurer), and Barb Calfo (secretary)

\*Upcoming events include seventh grade dance, eighth grade dance and the eighth grade picnic

**High School, Lorra Brannen (unit president)**

\*Encouraged all to attend the production of Beauty and the Beast on May 6, 7 and 8

\*The dance team will be on national television (ESPN) in the coming days

\*Promoted the upcoming Imagination Celebration on May 14 along with Relay for Life

**Committee Reports-Michele Bittel**

**Reflections-Janet Dee**, not present

\*A final report and summary of the Reflections contest will be given at the May meeting

**School-wide Directory-Sue Clark**

\*Work on next year's directory has already begun

**Character Counts-Geeta Welden**

\*In the process of reviewing the procedure of informing the public of upcoming events

**Membership-Jodi Hannah**

\*Any unused membership cards need to be returned to the state PTA by June 1, 2010

**By-laws-Lori Cuervo**, not present

\*No report

**Area Council Directory-Cathy Luzier**, not present

\*No report

**Old Business**

\*None

**New Business**

\*Maureen Watson, member of the nominating committee, announced the slate of officers for the 2010/2011 school year as follows: Carol Aurin (president), Michele Bittel (vice-president), Gina Wells (secretary), and Cathy Vargo (treasurer)

\*Leadership training will take place on June 1, 2010 at the Peters Township Public Library

**Adjournment**

\*Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 A.M.

