

PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL MARCH 18, 2010

Call to order: The March 18, 2010 meeting of the Peters Township Area Council was called to order at 9:26 AM. President Carol Aurin presided and Gina Wells recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President's Report- Carol Aurin

*Thank you to McMurray PTA for the hospitality provided

Secretary's Report- Gina Wells

*The minutes of the February 18, 2010 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report- Anne Marie Wiegmann(absent)

*Carol Aurin provided the report. A motion was made to pay the monthly bills by Rochelle Saxon. The motion was seconded by Jodi Hannah and passed.

Unit Reports

Peters Township Middle School

*Dr. Mary Monsour introduced Sharna Baker as a principal intern and mentioned parent orientation for 7th grade occurred last night using a new format. She also said site visits will be taking place from the School District of Character committee and Highmark. Scheduling is currently taking place along with PSSA preparation.

*Lisa Smith (unit co-president) spoke of the success of the recent student-faculty basketball game and the upcoming Spring dance on March 26.

Bower Hill Elementary

*Mrs. Gustafson explained the weather drill that was taking place today along with kindergarten registration happening the following week.

*Rochelle Saxon (unit president) presented Mrs. Gustafson with the Dr. Walt Keely leadership award from the state PTA. Bower Hill rec night was very successful as a first year event. The Box Top collection goal has been met for the year. Area pre-school directors are coming tomorrow for a tea and the next PTA meeting will be held on April 7, 2010.

Pleasant Valley Elementary

*Dr. Lyn Logelin spoke of the upcoming site visit from the School District of Character committee. Upcoming events include Donuts for Dad and Winter Carnival.

*Maureen Watson (unit co-president) thanked Dr. Logelin for the smoothness of transition in administration. Recent past events includes the Principal's Reading Challenge, PV Hero month and a character assembly.

McMurray Elementary

*Dr. Bob Freado encouraged all to attend the talent show this evening and discussed the artist in-residence program. Jeff Hartings (former Steeler player) spoke to the students with an emphasis on respect. Student council representatives will be meeting with the evaluators coming for a site visit.

*Lisa Briegel (unit president) said a nominating committee was formed for the upcoming elections. Movie nights for both 4th and 5th grade took place in recent weeks.

Peters Township High School

*Karen Cashman (unit representative) spoke of the “Drive to Stay Alive” program along with the prom which are taking place in upcoming weeks.

School Board

*Diane Ritter (unit representative) announced the new retirements for the district staff and the hiring of a new ARAMARK supervisor for the district. The school board voted to create a 9th grade boys lacrosse team.

Old Business

*None

New Business

*A nominating committee was formed. Suzanne MacKay, Kelle Cunningham, Maureen Watson and Rochelle Saxon comprise the committee. A motion was made to elect the nominating committee by Jodi Hannah. It was seconded by Laura Spernak. Motion passed.

*Proposed amendments for the state PTA include the increase of individual dues from \$1.75 to \$2.75 and the region will now include Westmoreland County.

*Leadership training date is being set.

*New unit contact information is to be sent to the state as soon as elections take place.

*Dates are being set for school pictures in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52am