

PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: The September 24, 2009 meeting of the Peters Township PTA Area Council was called to order at 9:17am. President Carol Aurin presided and Gina Wells recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President's Report:

*Introduction of new officers and PTA presidents and thank you for volunteering their time and efforts for the students of Peters Township School District

Secretary's Report:

*The minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting were approved with the deletion of the secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report:

*The audit was presented. Lori Cuervo made a motion to approve the 2009 audit. The motion was seconded by Sue Clark and passed.

*Discussed the changes made to the 2009/2010 budget. The motion to accept the 2009/2010 budget was made by Jodi Hannah and seconded by Carol Plantizer. The motion passed.

*Jodi Hannah made a motion to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Lori Cuervo and passed.

*Requested that the PTA reimbursement forms be used when submitting receipts

Unit Reports

Dr. Nina Zetty, Superintendent

*The district's focus for this school year is on excellence in leadership and character education by implementing the 8 Habits of Highly Effective Educators.

*Discussed the district's decision concerning President Obama's talk to the students

*Hand sanitizers are being installed in every classroom in every school in the district in an effort to control the spreading of the H1N1 virus

*Jami Christopher presented the protocol for reserving the high school for various school-related events

*The correct name of the meeting site is DAO (district administration offices)

Bill King, Supervisor of Special Education

*Discussed his qualifications for his current position

*Asked for patience as he learns his new position for the next two months

Dr. Lyn Logelin, Assistant Superintendent

*District personnel are up-to-date with the exception of a ½-day Spanish teacher at the high school. Eighty applicants is the assistant principal position at the high school

*Introduced Judy Alexander, school to career coordinator, who spoke on job shadowing and internships within the community

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

*Explained the six-year cycle of the curriculum from research to pilot programs to implementation to monitoring to evaluation

*For this school year, a new Language Arts and Family Consumer Science curriculum is being used

Toni Sulkowski, Director of Technology

*Lots of infrastructure changes occurring such as new servers in the district

*McMurray Elementary is getting netbooks to enhance the school's computer lab mobility

*New position is being created. The person will be responsible for maintaining PowerSchool and it's directives

*The point of sell program is making progress and two vendors have been chosen to move on to the next step

Shelly Belcher, Communications Director

*Encouraged people to use the district website for Twitter registration, information regarding H1N1 virus and creating flyers

*The safety committee will be performing inspections in all district buildings and receiving reports from the police, FBI, etc.

Bower Hill-Rochelle Saxon, PTA President

*The school has already had its first PTA meeting, the first assembly, picture day, and a flag ceremony commemorating 9/11.

*Sign-ups for the after-school programs will take place next week and the annual read-a-thon begins in October.

Pleasant Valley-Maureen Watson and Kelle Cunningham, PTA co-Presidents

*The PTA is only \$300 short of its donation goal for the year.

*Explained the "Just Friends" software program being offered through the National PTA

McMurray-Lisa Briegel, PTA President

*The school has already had its first PTA meeting, walk-through night and Kick-Off event.

*Upcoming events include fall book fair, open house and brunch with the principals

Middle School-Sue Clark and Lisa Smith, PTA co-Presidents

*The school has already had 7th grade orientation and open house.

*Membership and donations are up slightly from previous years

High School-Lorra Brannen, PTA President

*Picture day and welcome back night have already occurred and went well.

*The first online PTA newsletter will be coming out next week.

School Board-Diane Ritter

*Announced Dr. Stepusin's replacement on the school board is Lori Cuervo

*The district has reached a five-year collective bargaining agreement with the teachers' union

*The position of Director of Pupil Services is open

Committee Reports

Reflections

*Janet Dee is the Area Council Reflections Chairperson

*The deadline for submission is November 4 and judging will take place on November 17-18.

*Entry forms are available online

Directory

*The goal is to have the pages proofed next week and the pages taken to the printer the following week

*Requested the schools send the names of those in charge of distribution to the committee chair

School Pictures

*Please e-mail any comments to Michele Bittel so improvements can be made for next year

Character Counts

*October 20, 2009 will be a meeting date celebrating the 10-year anniversary of Character Counts. The event will be held in the Middle School auditorium

*The walk for awareness will take place on November 1, 2009

*The high school SADD group is doing a pilot program with McMurray Elementary called Campus Connections

*The district is applying to be considered a national school district of character

Membership

*November 1, 2009 is the deadline to have membership information sent to the state PTA. Only the names and numbers need to be submitted.

By-laws

*The by-laws are required to be updated every five years.

Area Council Directory

*No report was given

Old Business

*None

New Business

*None

Meeting Adjourned 11:30am