

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009
MINUTES

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:19 AM by president, Sue Clark. There were approximately 22 people in attendance (see Attachment). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Sue Clark remarked the following:

- a. Encouraged everyone to sign up for Constant Contact since that is the only way that PTMS PTA communicates with its members.
- b. Encouraged parents to consult the PTA web page for information relating to PTA events and contact information of the PTA board. She said that the web page has been updated with current forms.
- c. Picture retake day will be Oct 19 @ 2:30.
- d. Thank you to those who volunteered to be committee chairpersons. We still need chairpersons for Area Council and Holiday and Spring dances.
- e. Area Council Update – Because of H1N1, hand sanitizers were purchased by the District to be placed in every classroom in every school. The main reason that the Obama video was not shown live was because the District did not have sufficient time to organize it.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Dr. Merante reported the following:

- a. The District is going to update the science curriculum. If you are interested in serving on a committee relating to this update, please contact Bev Hall.
- b. 7th Grade Tech Ed has begun its new robotics unit.
- c. There will be a practice “lock down” of the school in the future, where students will be kept in their rooms, lights will be turned off, but teachers will continue to teach. Students will be instructed that if a lockdown occurs and they are in the hallway, they are to proceed to the nearest room. The teacher in that room will then call the teacher in the room that the student was supposed to be in to ensure the students' safety.
- d. Mrs. Cunningham (guidance) will be returning from maternity leave in November.

e. Dr. Merante answered questions from parents.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lisa Anderson presented the minutes.

a. The minutes from the September 2009 meeting were approved without changes.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT – Sarah Lindsay reported the following:

a. Approximately \$5400 of donations has been received and we have budgeted \$6000.

b. We currently have approximately 340 members (there were 375 last year).

VI. 1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Carol Planitzer reported the following:

a. The Halloween Dance will be held on October 23rd. Deb Antonucci, chairperson of the Halloween Dance Committee, added that she already had lots of volunteers, the admission will be \$3 w/student ID, \$4 without (free with 30 boxtops), students will be entitled to an extra raffle ticket for each 5 additional box tops they bring and that the dance is from 7:30 – 9:30.

b. Newsletter articles are due to Lisa Smith by Nov. 5.

c. Teacher Appreciation will be chaired by Denise Gordon. The first event will be a dinner on Nov. 12th from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm (parent/teacher conference date) and that Gretchen's Good Eats will be providing a main course.

VII. 2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Lisa Scoulos reported the following:

a. Sign up for Apples for Students with your Giant Eagle Advantage Card. Enrollment is currently open and our school's number is 0830.

b. Please consider signing up for hospitality to bring a food/drink item to PTA meetings.

c. Apple Crunch day is Oct. 28.

d. Susie Makrinos has agreed to chair the Reflections Committee. Reflections submissions are due in the office by Nov. 4.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Character Counts is having its 10 year anniversary on Oct. 20th at 7:30 pm.
- b. Core teachers have an extra period built into their schedules so if you need a conference with your child's team, please contact the facilitator for your child's grade.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:07 AM.

Approved Nov. 5, 2009____s/Lisa Anderson_____

Lisa Anderson
Secretary