

PETERS TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009
MINUTES

- I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER
 - a. The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:17 AM by president, Lisa Smith. There were approximately 12 people in attendance (see Attachment).

- II. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – Lisa Smith remarked the following:
 - a. Thanked Deb Antonucci for organizing the Halloween Dance and Amy Lavelle for chairing the Apple Crunch Day.

- III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Dr. Merante and/or Dr. Monsour reported the following:
 - a. Discussed the National School's to Watch visit. That organization recognizes public middle schools throughout the nation. He is proud of the Middle School and cited the fact that of 830 middle schools in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Peters Township Middle School ranked #1 in reading, #5 in math and #10 overall in achievement test scores.
 - b. Teacher staffing - Mrs. Neidermeyer is back; Mrs. Bergmark in on maternity leave and there is a intern working in the principal's office.
 - c. Requested that persons chairing activities make a work folder that could be passed on to those who will organize the activity the following year, especially with respect to the 8th grade picnic.
 - d. Thanked the PTA volunteers for the conference day dinner.
 - e. Each month the principals meeting with students liaisons to discuss how the school could be improved. In response the students have been granted access to 2 microwaves during lunch in the cafeteria and there have been new songs added to the jukebox. They are also discussing having a "snack shop" in the cafeteria but have to address nutritional issues and possible issues with food service provider.

- IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lisa Anderson presented the minutes.
 - a. The minutes from the October 2009 meeting were approved without changes.

- V. TREASURER'S REPORT – Sarah Lindsay reported the following:
 - a. Approximately 363 PTA members which is 4-5 away from the goal.
 - b. We have exceeded our goal for monetary donations.

- VI. 1ST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Carol Planitzer reported the following:
 - a. Newsletter articles are due today, November 5.
 - b. Denise Gordon is chairing Book Fair.
 - c. Holiday Dance will be chaired by Andrea Michalski and Margaret Rauscher and there will be a book drive during the dance.

