

PTMS PTA Meeting Minutes November 20, 2007

- I. **Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance-** President Lori Cuervo called the meeting to order at 9:22 am. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
 - a. **Library Assistance Thank-You-** . Mrs. Johns from the library offered thanks to everyone who assisted in bringing the Library back together.
- II. **President's Remarks-**
 - a. Membership- Finished and exceeded last year total by exactly 10%.
 - b. Jane Engel- Cal University Student sitting in today's meeting.
 - c. 4 New School Board Members.
 - d. Reminder – No December Meeting.
- III. **Principal's Report- Dr. Merante**
 - a. MRSA - Lora Brannan requested an update on PTMS preventative actions for fighting MRSA. Dr. Merante explained that additional sanitizers have been installed, all coaches have been instructed on preventative measures and cleaning of all wrestling mats has been increased to ensure every sanitary measure is being taken. Communication has been provided to entire student population.
 - b. Foreign Language Program – Program currently being reviewed to accommodate specific requests for 7th grade students who were unable to take Spanish this year. Dr. Merante also addressed a recent flyer sent home regarding the interest level in a Chinese Class, perhaps partnering with Bethel Park School District.
 - c. Construction is progressing on schedule. Additional seating being proposed for LGI in the future.
 - d. Character Counts Program – Mary Beth Kenney reported some modifications in process to this program.
 - e. Magazine Fund Raiser – Multiple points were made regarding the communication and marketing approach in this year's program.
- IV. **1st Vice President's Report – Carol Aurin**
 - a. Cash Back Programs – Giant Eagle Registration. Register at www.gianteagle.com or 1-800-474-4777, enter our SCHOOL ID #0830
 - b. Directories – Distributed this week to student and staff.
 - c. Halloween Dance Update – Over 400 students in attendance. 1400 BOX TOPS were turned in during the dance. Registration on the Box Top website increases our fund raising opportunities. Register at www.boxtops4education.com.
 - d. Great Apple Crunch- Thank you to all who volunteered October 24th, 2007.
 - e. Newsletter – Email articles to Gail Varcelotti.
 - f. Volunteers – Still need volunteers for the 8th Grade Dance on May 30th and Student/Teacher Basketball Game – Please contact Carol.
- V. **2nd Vice President's Report – Bethany Frizzell**
 - a. Holiday Dance – December 7, 2007- Contact Chair person Michelle Verner – 724- 969-0337 or mvern@comcast.net

- b. Teacher Appreciation Event- November 8th Dinner. Thanks to everyone who donated their time and resources.
- c. Reflections Update - Deadline is October 26th, 2007. Janet Dee is the Chair for this event.
- d. PTMS PTA Refreshments – Sign-up sheet was distributed to solicit volunteers.

VI. **Secretary's Report – Kathy Zrowka**

- a. Approval of the Minutes – October 2007- Minutes approved as presented

VII. **Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah –**

- a. Payment of Bills – Gail Schlafman made a motion to pay bills, Debbie Smith seconded the motion.
- b. 2007-2008 Budget vs. Actual reviewed.
- c. Poster Machine – Vendor selection in process.

VIII. New Business – No

IX. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Date Approved: Jan. 15,2008 KJZ

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