

PETERS TOWNSHIP PTA AREA COUNCIL
OCTOBER 22, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: The October 22, 2009 meeting of the Peters Township PTA Area Council was called to order at 9:20am. President Carol Aurin presided and Gina Wells recorded the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President's Report:

*Welcomed all in attendance and thanked the Pleasant Valley PTA for the hospitality provided

Secretary's Report

*The minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting were approved with the correction of spelling of the name of Lisa Briegel

Treasurer's Report

*Jodi Hannah made a motion to approve payment of the bills for the school directory. The motion was seconded by Linda VanNewKirk and passed.

*Bulk postage mailing requirements were discussed and the use of Area Council's bulk mailing account was made available for the Peters Township School PTA organizations to use

Unit Reports

Bower Hill Elementary

*Mrs. Kelly Gustafson explained the yearlong celebration occurring at the school, which is celebrating its ten-year anniversary. She also announced the awarding of a mini-grant from the Pennsylvania Principals Fund to the school. The grant will be used to create a welcome dvd for new students produced by current third grade students. The school will also be creating a virtual museum of student projects via newly purchased flip-cameras from the grant monies.

*Mrs. Rochelle Saxon mentioned the success of the school's read-a-thon which has raised over \$19,000 to date. Many events will be occurring at the school in the coming weeks...Open House, book fair and Halloween parties.

Pleasant Valley Elementary

*Mrs. Mary Yavelak explained the video, which the school made concerning the proper coughing techniques. Kid yoga is shown twice a week on PVTV. The school received a \$5000 award for academic achievement and an award for its dedication to the Relay for Life. Haunted Hallways and the Halloween parties will take place in the upcoming weeks.

*Mrs. Kelle Cunningham and Mrs. Maureen Watson encouraged all district parents to purchase Market Day items courtesy of the PTA. After-school enrichment classes, book fair, Open House and a visit from the Peters Township firehouse are all happening at the school this month.

McMurray Elementary

*Dr. Bob Freado announced the opportunity for students to have positive role models through a project with the Peters Township High School SADD group called Campus Connections. School-wide enrichment classes are going on throughout the school year. McMurray Kick-Off was very successful.

*Lisa Smith told of the progress of the Sally Foster fundraiser. The group has made \$16,000 thus far this year. Open House and the book fair were held earlier this month. Brunches with principals are going on currently with Red Ribbon week to occur the following week.

Peters Township Middle School

*Dr. Anthony Merante discussed the changes happening to the front entrances of the school along with the installment of hallway cameras to improve safety measures. The school will also be practicing lock-down

procedures for the same reasons. Red Ribbon week will be next week along with a visit from "Schools to Watch" committee. The school was granted a site visit due to its application for the award. "Schools to Watch" is responsible in selecting outstanding middle schools across the United States.

*Mrs. Lisa Smith mentioned the upcoming Halloween dance and Apple Crunch Day later this month.

Peters Township High School

*Mrs. Laura Brannen asked all present to support the High School PTA by attending the football games and visiting the concession stand. The date for Open House is set for November 5, 2009.

School Board

*Mrs. Diane Ritter announced the hiring of James Vendemia as the new high school assistant principal. The scoreboard in the high school gymnasium will be replaced in December. The date of the policy committee meeting is set for November 2, 2009. The district will be employing a full-time security guard at the high school. The guard will be fully armed.

Committee Reports

Reflections

*The deadline for submission is November 4, 2009.

School-wide Directory

*The distribution will be in November and extra copies will be available for \$5 through the PTA presidents.

School Pictures

*Re-takes are occurring with the date at Bower Hill being November 3 being the last school.

Character Counts

*A chairperson is needed for this committee. The ten-year anniversary party was held this week. Praise was given to Dr. Freado for his hard work and dedication towards the Character Counts program. The date for the Walk for Awareness is November 1, 2009 beginning at 1pm at the Rec Center. A reception will follow.

Membership

*December 1, 2009 is the deadline to submit membership lists to the state.

By-laws

*No report was given.

AC Directory

*Please check that your PTA information is up-to-date. Give any changes to Cathy Luzier.

Old Business

*None

New Business

*None

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.