

PETERS TOWNSHIP AREA COUNCIL PTA MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, January 25, 2007

Call to Order: The January 25, 2007 meeting of the Peters Township Area Council PTA was called to order at 9:22 AM. in the LGI at McMurray Elementary School. President Sue Smith presided and Secretary Sue Clark recorded the minutes.

President's Report: Sue thanked McMurray for providing food and facilities for the meeting. All Peters Township PTA's received at least one membership award from Pennsylvania PTA. The State and National PTA rules regarding appropriate uses of PTA funds do not allow Area Council to give Dr. Mackley the requested \$2,000 for pictures to line the hallways of the administration building. PTA's are only allowed to spend money on the following three categories: educational, operational & charitable.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the November 30, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of Mary Sternweis, the Treasurer's report was passed out by Karen Bovalina. Dawn Pustay made a motion to pay the bills, Kathy Lydic seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Administration Reports:

Assistant Superintendent: Dr. Nina Zetty reported on curriculum. New curriculum proposals for physical education and world languages are being considered. They are looking into the possibility of world languages being taught in the elementary school. They are currently looking into standardized testing.

Director of Technology: Ms. Toni Sulkowski showed and discusses the new kids links on the school district web site. The High school newspaper is making preparations to be posted online. The new student information system will be coming soon.

Unit Reports:

Pleasant Valley – **Mrs. Gustafson** reported for Mrs. Hamrick: During Monday's In-Service Day Bower Hill and Pleasant Valley will be discussing math, smart boards, differentiated supervision and budgeting. The 100th day of school is coming up in February.

Pleasant Valley – **Lisa Anderson:** Donuts for Dads will be held on two days in February.

Bower Hill – **Mrs. Gustafson:** During Monday's In-Service Day Bower Hill and Pleasant Valley will be discussing math, smart boards, differentiated supervision and budgeting. The 100th day of school is coming up in February. Thanked the PTA for a wonderful teacher appreciation luncheon.

Bower Hill – **Lisa Smith:** The indoor recess exercise program will kick-off in 2 weeks. They are looking into a new program to "drop everything and exercise" once a month. The next teacher appreciation even will involve car washes.

McMurray – **Dr. Freado:** On February 9, in cooperation with SAD and the High School, students from the high school will speak to McMurray 6th graders. February 26th will start bullying week. During the week there will be an assembly by Pittsburgh mediator group, classroom activities, and a special video by "No Tune Left Behind".

McMurray – **Dr. Hobbs:** She has been working with the house band on their new video. The video will be shown to the students during the morning announcement during bullying week.

McMurray – **Kathy Oberschelp:** Dr. Mackley attended the January PTA meeting. Teacher appreciation lunch was well received. The activities committee has planned ice skating for the students during the upcoming in-service day.

Middle School – Dr. Monsour: Construction at the middle school has begun. The Spelling and Geography Bees were held. NAEP and PSSA testing will begin soon.

Middle School – Lori Cuervo: The second teacher appreciation day will be a breakfast served during in-service day. The student faculty basketball game is being planned.

HS – No administrators were in attendance.

HS – Dawn Pustay: The scheduling process has begun for next year. The PTSA invited the 8th grade parents to the next meeting for information on classes and scheduling at the high school. The PTSA is trying to help the students receive their academic awards in a timelier manner.

Committee Reports

School Board – Diane Ritter: Tom McMurray is the current school board president. The tax study commission report will be adopted in February (Lori Cuervo gave a brief description of the report). Medication and food allergy policies were revised. They are looking into SAT review classes at the High School. World languages will be the focus at the February educational committee meeting. Dr. Logelin will be handling student issues.

Scholarship – Diane Ritter: Applications will be available soon on the district website.

Reflections – Entries have been delivered to the district for judging.

Directory – Marcia McCracken: She will not be doing the directory next year. Sue Smith stated that we will need someone to take on this job. A group of 3 people would be optimal; one for advertising, one to interface with the schools and one to do the family listings.

Membership – Presidents are reminded to have their membership people send back the unused membership cards.

Area Council Directory – Cathy Luzier: Thanked everyone for supplying e-mail addresses.

By-Laws – Dawn Pustay: Reminded the PTA's to keep their standing rules up-to-date.

Character Counts – Sue Ralston: Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. There are still more car magnets if anyone wants them.

Unfinished Business: Act 33/34 clearance requirements will fall under the management of Dr. Logelin. She will let us know about this issue after she investigates the details.

New Business: Next year's calendar has not yet been presented to the board. Area Council will make another suggestion that an 18 month calendar be adopted rather than a 12-month calendar. New UV water system was installed in the High School Pool and is working well. However, the airflow is not up to par. They are waiting for a modified engineering report before fixing the ventilation system.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

In attendance were: Carol Aurin, Lori Cuervo, Kathy Oberschelp, Danielle Ward, Jodi Hannah, Sheril Wilson, Debbie Smith, Marcia McCracken, Michele Bittel, Lisa Anderson, Patty Hartenbach, Mary Monsour, Kelly Gustafson, Nina Zetty, Diane Ritter, Cathy Lydic, Michele, Hvizdos, Rhonda Dunleavy, Lisa Smith, Dawn Pustay, Cathy Luzier, Karen Bovalina, Sue Smith, Sue Ralston, Sue Clark, Gail Schlafman.

Submitted by _____ Date Approved: _____
Sue Clark, Secretary