

PTMS PTA MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2009

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Principals' Report
 - a. The kids will have the opportunity to watch inauguration today.
 - b. The budget process is going well.
 - c. The musical this year will be Fiddler on the Roof (Jr) and tryouts are taking place.
 - d. There is a student in the school whose house burned down over the holiday and they lost everything. The principals just found out and will look into what help they need and what they are comfortable accepting.
 - e. The week of Feb 9th is the PSSA writing for 8th grade. Next year the PSSAs will ALL take place in the month of April.
- III. Guest Speakers – High School Guidance Counselors
Mrs. Markowski, Ms. Wawrzyniak and Mr Sudol
 - a. Letter to 8th Grade Parents was sent out last week regarding scheduling. This is available on the HS guidance site. In addition the power point presentation which will be shown to the students will also be on the site.
 - b. The goal is to have all schedules completed and in the students hands by 6/1. Any problems can be addressed to the counselors. They are available for 10 days after school is out and 10 days prior to the start of the year.
 - c. AP courses (16 courses available) give students the chance to earn college credits. They can be taken during the junior and senior year and the corresponding AP exam occurs during May.
 - d. State schools are requiring 2 and recommending 3 years of a language.
 - e. Study hall is an elective and must be chosen. At the HS it is a 40 minute free period and can either be quiet or noisy depending on the # of kids in the session.
 - f. Graduation requirements are on the web site.
 - g. Computer Based Applications and Personal Wellness are two 9th grade courses that 8th graders will have the opportunity to test out of.
 - h. The biggest mistake that 8th graders and their parents make when scheduling is that they choose electives that their friends are going to take. They should be sure to read the descriptions of the courses.
 - i. To be eligible for NHS you must have a 3.8 or higher. Once you receive an application you have to list volunteer hours, leadership positions and have recommendations. Application must be completed exactly as it is asked. It is important for students to look for volunteer opportunities and leadership positions prior to their sophomore year. Volunteermatch.org is a site that shows community service opportunities.
- IV. President's Report – Carol Aurin
- V. 1ST Vice President's Report – Sheril Wilson
 - a. Spelling Bee – Maple Chen will go on and represent the district at the county level.
 - b. Newsletter – deadline is today
 - c. Reflections – winners will be on the web site and in newsletter
 - d. Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon – Monday, Jan 26th. Sign up on sheet if you can help.
 - e. Bookfair – The Bookfair was a big success. They far exceeded last years' goal and thank you to all who helped.

- VI. 2nd Vice President's Report – Bethany Frizzell
- a. Cash Back Programs – Please continue to participate in the programs.
 - b. Hospitality – Please check sign-up sheets if you are willing to help.
 - c. Winter Dance – Summary and Thank You – Lorra Brannen chaired and everything went well.
 - d. Volunteer for Spring Dance & Basketball Game – March 6th is the Spring Dance (Geeta Welden is the chair) and March 12th is the Student Faculty Basketball Game (Gina Wells is the chair).
- VII. Secretary's Report – Sarah Lindsay
- a. Approval of the Minutes – November 2008 – Minutes approved as presented.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah
- a. Payment of Bills – Deb Smith made a motion to pay the bills; Sheril Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - b. 2008-2009 Budget vs Actual – Available for questions.
- IX. Old Business – no old business
- X. New Business – no new business
- XI. Adjournment – Sheril Wilson made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jodi Hannah.

Date Approved _____

Submitted By: Sarah Lindsay
PTMS PTA Secretary