

PTMS PTA MEETING

November 18, 2008

- I. Welcome
 - a. President Carol Aurin called the meeting to order
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Guest Speakers
 - a. Shelly Belcher – She talked about Global Connect which will be used by the district to contact parents. The system allows for a message to be delivered to every parent in the district within seconds. It will be used, for example, to communicate snow delays, big events, parking for conferences, and emergencies. It will use home numbers for non-emergency situations and all numbers for emergency situations. It is very important that the information that has been provided to the district is correct. The system will notify parents if their child is not in school. Also, if families with multiple children in the district will only receive one call unless otherwise necessary.
 - b. Officer Dave – Provided helpful information regarding what is going on the district with our children. He emphasized that parents need to stay involved in their kids lives and know what they are doing and where they are doing it and who they are doing it with.

- III. President's Remarks
 - a. Character Counts – Food Drive
 - b. Character Counts Awards Assembly – changed to February
 - c. Reminder: No meeting in December

- IV. Principals' Report
 - a. Dr. Merante
 1. Cleared up a rumor that if a child attends a field trip they are counted absent for the “perfect attendance” award. He indicated that this is not true.
 2. There is a new policy for failing a math test. If a child earns a D or E and wanted to retake the test the child can do so and at the most earn a C.
 - b. Dr. Monsour
 1. She thanked the PTA and parents for the wonderful Teacher/Staff Appreciation Dinner.
 2. She indicated that conferences went well and if you didn't get one and still wanted to, please contact your child's grade facilitator.
 3. She noted that there are certain requirements for 8th graders to get into the honors classes and that the teachers are trying to make the kids aware of them and teach them to think ahead. The grade requirements are in the handbook.

- V. 1ST Vice President's Report – Sheril Wilson
 - a. Spelling Bee – Qualifying test will be given to all students in December
 - b. Newsletter – Deadline is today for the Dec/Jan newsletter
 - c. Apple Crunch Day – Thank you to all who helped and the recipes are available on the web site.
 - d. Teacher Appreciation Dinner – Thanks you to everyone who helped and donated money or items. The food came from Benechopsticks. We are planning a soup and salad luncheon for the teachers/staff in January.
 - e. Bookfair – It will be Dec. 15th – 19th. If you would like to volunteer please call Sheril.

- VI. 2nd Vice President's Report – Bethany Frizzell
 - a. Cash Back Programs – We are expecting around \$1000 for our Oct. submission.

- b. Hospitality – We are still in need of a chair and for people to sign up to bring items to the PTA meetings.
 - c. Halloween Dance – Thank you to Lisa DiCello for chairing the event. It was attended by approximately 300 kids.
 - d. Holiday Dance – Scheduled for Dec. 5th. Please contact Lorra Brannen if you would like to help.
- VII. Secretary’s Report – Sarah Lindsay
- a. Approval of the Minutes – October 2008 – Minutes approved as presented.
- VIII. Treasurer’s Report – Jodi Hannah
- a. Membership – We currently have approx. 375 members.
 - b. Spirit Wear Update – It is being distributed today and samples are available for purchase.
 - c. Payment of Bills – Deb Smith made a motion to pay the bills; Sheril Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - d. 2008-2009 Budget vs Actual – Budget is in good shape.
- IX. Old Business - No old business
- X. New Business
- a. Amend Bylaws – Discussion was tabled until January meeting.
- XI. Adjournment – Adam Parker made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Sheril Wilson.

Date Approved _____

Submitted By: Sarah Lindsay
PTMS PTA Secretary