

PTMS PTA MEETING

September 16, 2008

1. Welcome
 - a. President Carol Aurin called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Introduction of New Board and Principals
 - a. Carol Aurin introduced the following:
 - b. First Vice President – Sheril Wilson
 - c. Second Vice President – Bethany Frizzell
 - d. Treasurer – Jodi Hannah
 - e. Secretary – Sarah Lindsay
3. President's Remarks
 - a. Constant Contact - Please sign up through the Web page
 - b. Web Page - Please look for all the updated information for PTA. All forms are available online.
4. Principals' Report
 - a. Dr. Merante welcomed the group and covered the following topics:
 - i. Open House - Thursday, September 18th, for parents only.
 - ii. Q&A
 1. Assigned seats during lunch are currently done to try to learn where everybody is and that everyone is in the correct lunch.
 2. Also, a parent asked about the e-mail on Monday indicating a delay in the buses and noted that her child missed the bus because of it. Dr. Merante indicated that the district is looking into a phone system that will automatically call homes.
5. Dr. Monsour also welcomed the group and covered the following topics:
 - a. Open House – Your child should have brought home a copy of their schedule.
 - b. Take Your Parent to School Day – Day in which the parent attends classes with their child.
 - c. Parent Conference Day – Sign up for conference at the Open House. If you don't get a time, call the team facilitator to arrange another time.
6. Dr. Merante added that the teachers have asked that there are no cell phones, coffee or small children at the Take your Parent to School Day. Parents can bring or buy lunch.
7. Teachers Reports/Student Council Advisors/Guidance Counselors
 - a. Ms. Maddis presented the report.
 - b. Student Council – Ms. Maddis explained that members are chosen through their social studies classes. Meetings will be held at 7:15a.m. Page 19 of the handbook details Student Council. This year they will be collecting food for the Food Bank and selling magazine subscriptions. The profit from the subscriptions will go to pay for different activities chosen by the students. Marcia Bastyr is the co-chairperson.
 - c. Variety Show – Scheduled for Friday, December 19th.
 - d. Newspaper - Her goal is to get lots of kids involved. The language arts classes and art classes will be contributing to the newspaper.
8. 1ST Vice President's Report – Sheril Wilson
 - a. Student Pictures - Thank You
 1. Michele Bittel coordinated this year's program, no issues to report.
 2. Kids who did not get their pictures taken need to do that on retake day for their student id.
 3. Retakes are done for a charge if you did not like or free if photographer mistake.
 - b. Newsletter
 1. Articles are due to Tammy Tylenda today.
 - c. Apple Crunch Day – October 22nd volunteers needed 10:00am-1:00pm
 1. Kids are served healthy dishes made with apples. There is a sign up sheet going around for volunteers to work and bake.

- d. Reflections
 - 1. The theme this year is "WOW". Janet Dee is our chair and the deadline is Oct. 30th.
- e. Open Chair Positions
 - 1. Still looking for chairs – 8th Grade Picnic; Assemblies; Apple Crunch Day
- 9. 2nd Vice President's Report – Bethany Frizzell
 - a. Cash Back Programs – Debbie Smith is the chairperson
 - 1. Box Tops - If kids bring in 30 box tops to the dance they will get in free.
 - 2. Giant Eagle – 0830 is our school code
 - 3. Office Depot
 - 4. Target
 - b. Open House Update - Thursday, September 18th 6:30-8:30
 - c. Halloween Dance – October 24th Volunteers needed 7:30pm-10:30pm
 - 1. Lisa Dicello is in charge (thedicellos@comcast .net)
 - d. Student/Faculty Basketball Game
 - 1. Currently the date is March 11th. Bethany spoke to Dr. Merante about changing the date due to so many kids having CCD on Wednesdays. Chairperson is needed. Event will take place at the Middle School this year.
 - e. Open Chair Positions
 - 1. Dances – Holiday, Spring and 7th Grade Dance
 - 2. Teacher /Staff Appreciation
 - 3. Hospitality for the PTA Meetings – sign up sheet was sent around for people to sign up to bring food items for the PTA meetings.
- 10. Secretary's Report – Sarah Lindsay
 - a. Approval of the Minutes – May 2008 – Minutes approved as presented. Motion was made by Mary Ranallo and Linda VanNewkirk.
- 11. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah
 - a. PTA Ambassadors Thank You
 - 1. Jodi explained the Ambassador program. If you have a 7th grader that is interested they can speak to Mrs. Cunningham. We had 30 new students attend the event in August and Jodi thanked the people who helped.
 - b. Membership
 - 1. We do not hold any fundraiser at MS. We ask for a donation to cover our expenses. Last year we had 450 members and currently we have 257 parents and 24 teachers.
 - 2. PTA membership cards will be maintained by Jodi and available at PTA meetings.
 - c. Spirit Wear Update
 - 1. Forms were available at orientation and schedule pick-up. The spirit wear form is also available on the web site and at Open House in the cafeteria. Deadline is September 25th. Order will be delivered in November.
 - d. Payment of Bills
 - 1. Jodi Hannah presented the Treasurers report. Deb Antonucci made a motion to pay the current bills and Linda VanNewkirk seconded the motion to approve.
 - 2. Audit was completed per the By Laws.
 - e. 2007-2008 Audit – Completed per By Laws
 - f. 2008-2009 Budget
 - 1. Jodi presented this year's budget. Kristen Taylor made a motion to approve the budget; Debbie Smith seconded the motion. Motion was passed.
- 12. Old Business – No old business to report

13. New Business – No New Business to report

14. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Geeta Welden, second by Adam Parker : Motion passed

i. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Date Approved _____

Submitted By: Sarah Lindsay
PTMS PTA Secretary