

# PTMS PTA Meeting

## January 15, 2008

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - a. President Lori Cuervo called the meeting to order at 9:18 A.M. The Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.
- II. President's Remarks**
  - a. CHIP program (flier available) - Lori reviewed that the flier will be provided in this quarter's report card. The Peter's Township Police Department recommends that you register, even if you did this in 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - b. Pajama Donation (flier available) - The Lindsay Family, lead by Sara, is coordinating this fundraiser. The PTA has agreed to sponsor this event.
- III. Principals' Report**
  - a. Construction is proceeding ahead of schedule. Additional room moves are scheduled for next week.
  - b. Questions from the floor.
  - c. A question was raised regarding Mr. Wagner's status. Dr. Merante reported that Mr. Wagner is taking a sabbatical and Debbie Reynolds will be taking his place.
  - d. Is there a policy regarding hours taught by a student teacher versus actual teacher. Per Dr. Merante, there is no formal policy.
  - e. Final Grade Calculation Policy - Final average is based on letter grade, not percentage, in conjunction with Teacher discretion.
  - f. High School Meeting February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to review next year student schedules.
  - g. MRSA- Lora Brannan requested an update on the maintenance for the gym mats to assist in the prevention of MRSA. Dr. Merante reviewed that training and a schedule to routinely clean the mats for both wrestling and gym class has been established.
  - h. LGI – Dr. Merante reported that all seats are being replaced, bringing the total of non-folding seats to 370, with folding 400.
  - i. World Language – Dr. Merante reported that an additional Spanish teacher is being added to facilitate students requesting Spanish.
  - j. Total student population is currently 700.
- IV. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report – Carol Aurin**
  - a. Giant Eagle Cash Back Program ends in March.
  - b. Winter Dance- Thank You to Michelle Verner
  - c. Student Faculty Basketball Game - Chairperson needed, volunteers were identified earlier in the year.
  - d. Newsletter – Please provide updates to Gail Varcelotti.
- V. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report – Bethany Frizzell**
  - a. Spring Assembly will be provided by Carnegie Science Center
  - b. Spelling Bee – Held week of January 7, 2008. Two 7<sup>th</sup> graders finished first.
  - c. Reflections Winner Updates were provided. District Level competition will be scheduled for the end of January. See PTA Newsletter for more details.
- VI. Secretary's Report – Kathy Zrowka**
  - a. Approval of the Minutes – November 2007- Accepted as presented.
- VII. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah**
  - a. Payment of Bills- Sheril Wilson made a motion to pay bills, Gail Schlafman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - b. 2007-2008 Budget vs. Actual was reviewed.
  - c. Bank Account – Allocate Excess Funds – Recommend that we allocate additional funds, the following ideas were discussed:
    - i. Reduce student costs for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic – add \$700 to the expenses
    - ii. Allocate Funds to provide healthy snacks for March PSSA Testing – add \$200 to the Health and Wellness expenses
    - iii. Increase Gifts to School by \$300 to purchase motivational posters and recess equipment.
    - iv. Other recommendations:
      1. Purchase a Library Cart
      2. Upgrade Reflections Awards
  - d. Sheril Wilson made a motion to move \$1,200 from Excess Funds to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic and Gifts to School to cover items i, ii, and iii above. Julie Ann Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed. The remainder of the suggestions will be investigated and discussed at the next meeting.
- VIII. New Business**
  - a. Peer Mediation – Dr. Merante and Dr. Monsour will be meeting to review how to implement this process.
- IX. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M. by Lori Cuervo.